

1 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

2 Very well, the hearing will be recessed for ten
3 minutes.

4 (A short recess was taken)

5 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

6 Let the record show that the Government's case is
7 presented at this point by Examining Officer Laurence G.
8 Parr.

9 You may call the next witness, Mr. Parr.

10 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

11 The Government calls as its next witness, Matthew
12 Cvetic.

13 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

14 Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear
15 that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the
16 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

17 BY WITNESS:

18 I do.

19 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

20 Having taken this oath administered by me, if you
21 now willfully and knowingly make any false statements
22 regarding material matters in this proceeding, you may be
23 prosecuted for the crime of perjury, the penalty for which
24 upon conviction is imprisonment of not more than five years
25 or a fine or not more than \$2000, or both.

1 Do you understand that?

2 BY WITNESS:

3 I do.

4 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

5 What is your true and correct name?

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1 BY WITNESS:

2 Matthew Cvetic.

3 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

4 Will you spell it, please?

5 BY WITNESS:

6 C-V-E-T-I-C.

7 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

8 You may proceed, Mr. Parr.

9 D I R E C T E X A M I N A T I O N

10 Q BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

11 Q Mr. Cvetic, where do you reside?

12 A Pittsburgh.

13 Q What is your present occupation?

14 A I am working as a consultant for the Immigration and
15 Naturalization Service.

16 Q What office or branch of the Immigration and Natural-
17 ization Service?

18 A Pittsburgh.

19 Q Are you a United States citizen?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Have you ever been known by, or used any other name,
22 Mr. Cvetic?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q What were the names?

25 A I used the name of Bob Stanton.

1 Q Bob Stanton?

2 A Yes.

3 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

4 Mr. Cvetic, will you please speak loud enough so that
5 Mr. Englander can hear you?

6 BY WITNESS:

7 Yes, sir.

8 BY ATTORNEY:

9 Will you spell that name for me please?

10 BY WITNESS:

11 S-T-A-N-T-O-N

12 BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

13 Q Under what circumstances did you use that name, Mr.
14 Cvetic?

15 A Well, I was doing undercover work for the F.B.I. in
16 Pittsburgh, and I used that name when I lived at the William
17 Penn Hotel.

18 Q Mr. Cvetic, have you ever been a member of the
19 Communist Party of the United States?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q When did you join the Communist Party?

22 A February, 1943.

23 Q And when did you terminate your membership in that
24 organization?

25 A In February 1950.

1 Q And was your membership during those two dates
2 continuous in that organization?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Mr. Cvetic, under what circumstances did you join the
5 Communist Party?

6 A I joined the Communist Party for the purpose of
7 supplying the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to informa-
8 tion on the Communist Party activities.

9 Q And where did you join the Communist Party?

10 A At the Fifth Avenue High School in Pittsburgh,

11 Q How did you join the Communist Party?

12 A Well, I was approached by the Federal Bureau of
13 Investigation in April of 1941, and it was as the result of
14 their request to me that I made friends of several of the
15 Communist Party members who were working in the United
16 States Employment Service where I was employed.

17 Q Were you asked to join?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Did you submit an application for membership in the
20 Communist Party?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Did you receive a membership card?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Have you ever heard of an organization known as the
25 International Workers Order?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Were you ever a member of that organization?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q When did you join that organization?

5 A I believe it was sometime in August or September of
6 1945 or 1946.

7 Q 1945 or 1946?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And when did your membership terminate in that organi-
10 zation, if it did?

11 A It terminated in the spring of this year.

12 Q Coincident with your membership in the Communist
13 Party?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q During the period that you were a member of the
16 Communist Party, did you ever hold any offices or positions
17 with that organization?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 BY ATTORNEY:

20 Off the record for a few minutes, please.

21 (Off the record discussion)

22 BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

23 Q What was the first position that you recall having
24 held in that organization?

25 A Well, the first position, as I recall -- I was a member

1 of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party in
2 Pittsburgh.

3 Q Approximately when did you become a member of that
4 branch?

5 A I was assigned to the branch about two or three weeks
6 after I filed my application.

7 Q And how long did you stay a member of that branch, Mr.
8 Cvetic?

9 A Approximately fifteen months.

10 Q Fifteen months?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q As a member of that branch, did you have any duties
13 in the organization?

14 A Well, after I was a member of the branch for three
15 or four months I was assigned to the Executive Committee of
16 the branch.

17 Q Then did you have any duties?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q What were those duties?

20 A Well, as a member of the Executive Committee, it was
21 my job to help plan the agenda for membership meetings, to
22 help plan educational discussions, distribution of literature,
23 of the Communist Party newspaper, the Sunday and Daily
24 Worker, etc.

25 Q And you -- Oh, go on, I thought you were finished.

1 A (Continuing) -- and to participate in other Party
2 branch business, that is, dues collection, membership
3 drives, registration of members and so on.

4 Q And how did you acquire that position of being a
5 member of the Executive Committee of this branch?

6 A I was assigned to it by the branch organizer, Lee
7 Kogan.

8 Q What was the next position you held in the Communist
9 Party, if any?

10 A The next position, I was transferred to the North
11 Side Club of the Communist Party. That was also in Pitts-
12 burgh, and there I was also assigned to the Executive
13 Committee.

14 Q And who transferred you from one branch to the other,
15 Mr. Cvetic?

16 A The District Organizer of the Communist Party asked
17 me to accept the transfer into the North Side Branch?

18 Q What was his name?

19 A Roy Hudson.

20 Q Roy Hudson?

21 A Yes.

22 Q What were your duties as a member of the Executive
23 Committee of the North Side Club, were they similar to
24 those at the previous club where you held a similar position?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And what would be the next position you held in the
2 Communist Party to the best of your recollection?

3 A Well, the position that I held parallel with this one
4 was as a member of the Nationality Commission of the
5 Communist Party.

6 Q What was the Nationality Commission of the Communist
7 Party?

8 A It was a group of Communist Party members who planned
9 the work of the members at the Language Presses, in the
10 fraternal organizations, mass organizations, trade unions,
11 and so on.

12 Q How did you acquire this position as a member of the
13 Nationality Commission?

14 A I was assigned to it some time in the spring of
15 1944.

16 Q By whom were you assigned?

17 A By the District Organizer of western Pennsylvania of
18 the Communist Party.

19 Q That was the same person you spoke of previously as
20 having been District Organizer?

21 A No, as I recollect, Max Weiss.

22 Q And what were your duties as a member of the
23 Nationality Commission?

24 A Well, my first duty there, as I recollect, being of
25 Slovenian descent, my first duty was to work among the
Slovenian fraternal organizations for the American Slav Congress

1 which was being held in Pittsburgh in September of that
2 year.

3 Q And what precisely did you do in connection with the
4 American Slav Congress as a member of the Nationality
5 Commission?

6 A Well, I called upon the members of the Commission;
7 listened to reports from Avrom Landy -- we would call him
8 "Al" --. We heard reports from Avrom Landy on the Slav
9 Congress and other business; we planned the work of our
10 comrades for this Slav Congress, and worked generally
11 to get our members into key positions in the organization
12 for the purpose of taking it over.

13 Q You spoke of various affiliated organizations in
14 connection with your work on this Nationality Commission.
15 What other affiliated organizations were you speaking
16 of?

17 A Well, actually, there were other affiliated organiza-
18 tions. However, our Party members were working in
19 fraternal organizations, and the language press, and in
20 trade unions, and those who were leaders were members
21 of this Commission.

22 Q What other positions did you hold in the Communist
23 Party, Mr. Cvetic?

24 A Well, I was a member of the East End Club of the
25 Communist Party in Pittsburgh.

1 Q When were you a member of that organization?

2 A In April, 1945, I was transferred to the East End
3 Club. I may be approximate as to the month -- I think it
4 was about April, 1945.

5 Q What occasioned your entrance into the East End Club;
6 in other words, what made you go into the Club?

7 A I was transferred.

8 Q By whom?

9 A By the District Organizer.

10 Q Did you hold any position in this Club?

11 A As a member of the Executive Committee.

12 Q Were your duties there similar to the duties as member
13 of the Executive Committee in these other two positions
14 you spoke of?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Did you hold any other positions in the Communist
17 Party other than those you already mentioned?

18 A Yes, I was an Organizer in the Lawrenceville Club of
19 the Communist Party.

20 Q When were you a member of that Organization, Mr.
21 Cvetic?

22 A From the fall of 1945 up until, I believe, I left the
23 Party in February of this year.

24 Q How did you acquire the position of Organizer for the
25 Lawrenceville Club?

1 A Well, we had an organizational change after the 1945
2 convention of the Communist Party, and it was as the result
3 of that organizational change that the Community Club was
4 was set up in Lawrenceville, and I was sent down as the
5 Organizer.

6 Q And who sent you there as an Organizer?

7 A I --

8 Q That is, if you recall.

9 A It seems to me that it was Roy Hudson.

10 Q Did you hold any other positions in the Communist Party
11 which at this moment are outstanding in your mind?

12 A I was a member of the Finance Committee.

13 Q Of what?

14 A Of the Communist Party.

15 Q Finance Committee of the Communist Party?

16 A Yes, of western Pennsylvania.

17 Q Do you remember during what period you held that
18 position?

19 A From August of 1945 until August of 1948.

20 Q And how did you acquire that position; were you
21 appointed or elected?

22 A I was appointed.

23 Q By whom?

24 A By Roy Hudson.

25 Q And what were your duties as a member of the Finance

1 Committee of the Communist Party of western Pennsylvania,
2 Mr. Cvetic?

3 A Well, as a part of my duties, I was -- my job was to
4 sit down with the Organizational, Educational, and Finance
5 Committees every Saturday afternoon to discuss the planning
6 of work for the district. My specific duty in this
7 Committee was to plan activities to raise funds, such
8 things as raffles, picnics, and so on; to participate in
9 setting up the fund drives for the Communist Party, and
10 generally to assume responsibility of raising funds.

11 Q Now, you spoke of your position in the Nationality
12 Commission, and you spoke of being connected with the
13 American Slav Congress. Did you hold any position in the
14 Communist Party coincident with the Nationality Commission
15 other than what you have spoken of?

16 A Well, I was at various times the chairman or secretary
17 of the the Slovenian Bureau of the Communist Party of the
18 United States.

19 Q And where were you located in that position?

20 A In Pittsburgh.

21 Q In Pittsburgh?

22 A Yes, but I functioned on a national basis.

23 Q And how did you obtain that position, was that by
24 election or by appointment?

25 A I was originally assigned to the position by Steve

1 Nelson, who was the chairman of the Nationality Commission
2 of the Communist Party of the United States. Subsequently,
3 at a meeting of the Communist Party at Cleveland, Ohio,
4 we went through the formalities of an election, and I was
5 made official chairman at that meeting.

6 Q During what period did you hold that position, Mr.
7 Cvetic?

8 A From September, 1945 up until I left the Communist
9 Party in February of 1950.

10 Q And what were your duties as Chairman or Secretary of
11 of the Slovenian Bureau of the Communist Party?

12 A My job as the chairman of the Slovenian Bureau was to
13 attend meetings of the Nationality Commission of the
14 Communist Party of the United States, to hear reports from
15 Steve Nelson, Arnold Johnson, who later became a chair-
16 man of this Commission, and Sam Milgrom, who also was one
17 of the leaders of this Commission. They would give us
18 periodic reports as to the activities that they wanted us
19 to carry out. My job as the chairman of this Slovenian
20 Bureau was to meet with the members of the Slovenian
21 Communists in the different cities, and pass along the
22 Party lines to the members, and then also to carry into the
23 Slovenian American National Council which was a political
24 action committee on which we had four members, and my job
25 was to see that we carried the Party line into that

1 organization.

2 Q Now, in speaking of the Nationality Commission, you
3 mentioned fraternal organizations in connection therewith.
4 Was the International Workers Order one of those Nationality
5 fraternal groups with which you were concerned?

6 A Well, most of the organizers who were on this
7 Nationality Commission from the International Workers
8 Order were on this Commission.

9 BY ATTORNEY:

10 I did not hear that last answer. Will the reporter
11 please read it to me?

12 (Answer duly read by reporter)

13 BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

14 Q Do you mean that most of the organizers on the
15 Nationality Commission were from the International Workers
16 Order, or do you mean that the organizers from the
17 International Workers Order were on the Nationality
18 Commission?

19 A Let me make that clearer. I testified before that
20 this Commission carried on the work in the language press
21 and in the fraternal organizations, trade unions, etc.;
22 now this Commission was made up of Communist Party members
23 working in these fraternal organizations. A large section
24 of this Commission was made up of the editors of the
25 language press at 1916 East Street, which was a Communist

1 controlled press, and of the organizers of the Inter-
2 national Workers Order who sat on that Commission, and
3 then leading comrades working in the Nationality field,
4 like myself and a few others.

5 Q Now, were these members of the International Workers
6 Order who were sitting on that Nationality Commission also
7 members of the Communist Party?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Now, during the period that you were a member of the
10 Communist Party, did you attend any schools operated by
11 the Communist Party?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q What was the first school you recall having attended
14 that was operated by the Communist Party?

15 A Well, the first school that I attended which was
16 operated by the Communist Party was while I was a member
17 of the East End Club, and I participated in classes, where
18 we had a class around articles which appeared in the Daily
19 and Sunday Worker. These articles were by Jacques Duclos.
20 We had a series of classes and discussions based on the
21 articles appearing in the Sunday and Daily Worker, which
22 were authored by Jacques Duclos, the Secretary of the
23 Communist Party.

24 Q Who conducted these classes or discussions, Mr.
25 Cvetic?

1 A Dolly Gaynor, spelled G-A-Y-N-O-R or G-A-I-N-O-R,
2 who was the chairman of the East End Club at that time.

3 Q And were these classes or discussions closed in the
4 sense that only Communist Party members could attend these
5 classes or discussions?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q How did you come to attend these classes or
8 discussions?

9 A As a member of the East End Club and one of the
10 leaders or Party functionaries I was asked to attend these
11 classes.

12 Q And over what period of time did you attend these
13 classes?

14 A Well, these early classes over a period of about
15 four or six weeks.

16 Q And when was that approximately?

17 A In the spring of 1945.

18 Q Were you instructed to attend these classes or dis-
19 cussions?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q By whom were you instructed?

22 A Well, by Dolly Gaynor at the first classes. Later on
23 when the classes were changed, by Max Weiss, who was the
24 chairman of the Communist Party in that district.

25 Q What was taught at these classes that you spoke of,

1 Mr. Cvetic?

2 A The writings of Jacques DuClos.

3 Q What precisely was taught concerning these writings?

4 A Well, in these particular classes, it included the
5 study -- the material centered around these articles. We,
6 of course, were instructed to read these articles and come
7 back to the classes and give our talks on them. The sub-
8 stance of the articles themselves stressed the necessity of
9 the Communist Party becoming into a Party of Marxists and
10 Leninists, the Party struggle, and so on. What was taught
11 in these classes was based on these articles.

12 Q Now, you indicated that these classes were approximately
13 six weeks in duration, is that correct?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q You said that you went to one in the spring of 1945,
16 is that correct?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Did you attend any other similar courses or classes,
19 Mr. Cvetic?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q When did you attend these classes?

22 A I attended a class in January, February, and March of
23 1949.

24 Q And where was that class held?

25 A It was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

1 Q And by whom was this class or course conducted, Mr.
2 Cvetic?

3 A This course was conducted by William Albertson, the
4 District Secretary of the Communist Party.

5 Q And what was taught in this course?

6 A Well, in this particular course we studied the
7 Marxist series, book number one, and the class, which took
8 place over a period of ten or twelve weeks, stressed the
9 importance of the Marxism-Leninism theories.

10 Q Were the instructors at this class or school members
11 of the Communist Party?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Was attendance at this class or course restricted
14 to members of the Communist Party only?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q How did you happen to attend this course?

17 A I was assigned to it by Bill Albertson.

18 Q Bill Albertson?

19 A Yes, he was the District Secretary of the Communist
20 Party of western Pennsylvania.

21 Q You mentioned Marxist study course, book number one,
22 is that correct?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q What books were used in that school or in that
25 course?

1 A We used "The Communist Manifesto". I, myself, was
2 assigned to "The History of the Communist Party of the
3 Soviet Union", and reading and study material, and was
4 also assigned to two or three other books. "State and
5 Revolution" was assigned to me not only in this class, but
6 in one or two other classes.

7 Q During the period of time that you were a member of
8 the Communist Party, did you have occasion to attend
9 meetings of the Communist Party?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q What type of meetings were these?

12 A Well, most of them were policy making meetings. I
13 was a Party functionary, and most of them were policy
14 making meetings.

15 Q Did you attend meetings in your branch or section of
16 the Communist Party?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Did you continuously attend meetings in such branches
19 or clubs during the period of time that you were a member
20 of the Communist Party?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And you stated that you also attended meetings of the
23 Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, is that
24 correct?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And other types of meetings on that level, is that
2 correct?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q As the result of your membership in the Communist
5 Party, and the schooling given you by the Communist Party,
6 and your attendance at these meetings, did you become
7 familiar with the principles and teachings of the Communist
8 Party as advocated during the period of your membership
9 in that organization?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And what were the principles and teachings of the
12 Communist Party with respect to the United States Govern-
13 ment during the period of time that you were a member of
14 the Communist Party?

15 BY ATTORNEY:

16 Objection. It is incompetent, irrelevant, and no
17 proper foundation has been laid, and it is not binding
18 upon the respondent in this case.

19 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

20 Objection overruled.

21 BY ATTORNEY:

22 Exception.

23 BY HEARING EXAMINER: (To Witness)

24 You may answer the question, Mr. Cvetic.

25 A The basic principles and teachings taught and advo-

1 cated by the Communist Party in these classes, and
2 discussed at these classes which I attended, were the
3 necessity of overthrowing the United States Government
4 by force and violence.

5 Q Did the Communist Party teach why it was necessary
6 to overthrow the Government of the United States by force
7 and violence?

8 A Well, they based these teachings on the teachings of
9 Marx and Lenin, and many of the books that were assigned
10 to me in these classes and that were discussed were Marx's
11 and Lenin's books, and they state that it must be
12 accomplished by force and violence, that it cannot be
13 accomplished by peaceful means.

14 Q Mr. Cvetic, you indicated that you were a member of
15 the International Workers Order from approximately August,
16 1946 until the spring of 1950 when you left the Communist
17 Party and also the International Workers Order, is that
18 right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Will you tell me under what circumstances you joined
21 the International Workers Order?

22 A Yes, sir. In a meeting which I attended, Roy Hudson
23 asked me to join the International Workers Order. Roy
24 Hudson, whom I refer to, was the chairman of the Communist
25 Party of western Pennsylvania at that time. It was as the

1 result of his request that I joined the International
2 Workers Order.

3 Q Was Roy Hudson an official of the International Workers
4 Order at that time?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q You have testified, have you not, that he was an
7 official of the Communist Party, is that correct?

8 A That is correct.

9 Q Now, did you fill out an application to join the
10 International Workers Order?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q Was an insurance policy issued to you as the result
13 of such application?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And did you pay dues in this organization?

16 A Quarterly.

17 Q To whom did you pay your dues?

18 A To the Secretary of the branch to which I was
19 assigned, and that was the branch in the Lawrenceville
20 area.

21 Q Was your membership in that organization continuous
22 from August 1946 until the spring of 1950?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Were you ever an officer of the International Workers
25 Order?

1 A No, sir.

2 Q Did you attend meetings of your branch of the Inter-
3 national Workers Order?

4 A I attended several branch meetings.

5 Q Approximately how many, in number, can you recall
6 over the entire period?

7 A Well, probably not more than a half dozen.

8 Q Did you attend meetings of the International Workers
9 Order or branches other than your own?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Where were those branches located?

12 A Well, they were located in the various sections of
13 western Pennsylvania.

14 Q And for what purpose did you attend these meetings,
15 Mr. Cvetic?

16 A Well, the job that I had in the Communist Party was
17 that of Finance Chairman. In this job, it was my duty to
18 raise funds for the Communist Party. At one of our
19 Organizational, Educational and Finance Committee meetings,
20 we set up a Communist Party adjunct which we called the
21 Labor Press Committee. I was made the chairman of this
22 Labor Press Committee.

23 Q Will you go into it in a little more detail, Mr.
24 Cvetic? What was the purpose of the Labor Press Committee?

25 A The purpose of it was to organize raffles, picnics,

1 social functions, and to organize fund drives to raise
2 money for the Communist Party District Office and for
3 the Communist Party newspapers, the Daily and Sunday
4 Worker. I wanted to adhere to that. We would also raise
5 money for the National Office of the Communist Party.

6 Q And was it in connection with your being active in
7 the Labor Press Committee that you attended these I.W.O.
8 branch meetings?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Were you instructed to attend these meetings by any
11 one?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q By whom?

14 A By the chairman of the Communist Party in ~~we~~estern
15 Pennsylvania, who, at various times while I served on that
16 committee was Roy Hudson, and subsequent to Roy, it was
17 Steve Nelson, and then also by the Secretary of the
18 Party in western Pennsylvania, and during my membership
19 by Dave Grant and Bill Albertson.

20 Q What functions did you perform at these meetings of
21 the International Workers Order?

22 A Well, my duties were to take raffle or picnic tickets
23 out to the branch. Mike Hanusiak served on this committee
24 with me, and Mike was acquainted with the I.W.O. set-up
25 since he was an Organizer in the Ukrainian branches of the

1 I.W.O.,

2 Q Now, during the period that you attended your own
3 branch meetings, and attended these other branches as a
4 representative of the Labor Press Committee, did you see
5 any literature sold, distributed, circulated, or displayed
6 at these International Workers Orders meetings?

7 A Yes, sir. That was part of our job in addition to
8 raising funds to take literature with us -- the Sunday and
9 Daily Worker, Political Affairs Booklet, and pamphlets
10 which the Communist Party distributed and circulated.

11 Q Do you recall the names of any of the books or
12 pamphlets that the Communist Party was distributing at that
13 time?

14 A Well, during the years that I was in the Party, the
15 Sunday and Daily Worker. We also had to distribute
16 Political Affairs; the Marx and Lenin books, like "Founda-
17 tions of Leninism", "The History of the Communist Party
18 of the Soviet Union", and practically the entire Marxist
19 and Leninist library was also distributed. Then from time
20 to time, there were special pamphlets that had to be
21 gotten out in connection with languages in the Party lines,
22 and so on.

23 Q Did you speak at these International Workers Order
24 meetings?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And on what subject did you speak?

2 A Well, early on this Labor Press Committee, I spoke
3 of the necessity of raising funds for the Party since I
4 was known as a Communist Party organizer and assigned to
5 organizing these picnics and raffles for the purpose of
6 raising money for the Party. Later, of course, we were
7 raising money for the defense of the Communist Party
8 leaders who were convicted of conspiracy here last year.
9 Our job was to go out to the branches and raise money
10 for the defense of the Communist Party leaders. As a
11 Communist functionary, one of my principal jobs was to
12 go out and raise funds.

13 Q Now you indicated that you attend Nationality
14 Commission meetings of the Communist Party, is that
15 correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And you further indicated that some of these were
18 held in the Pennsylvania area, right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, where in Pennsylvania were these meetings held
21 that you attended?

22 A Well, in Pennsylvania, they were held at 440 Wood
23 Street; they were held at the office of the International
24 Workers Order which was located in the Columbia Bank
25 Building, their office having been since closed; and at

1 the office of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Building;
2 and the office of the American Slav Congress which was
3 located in the Berger Building; and the office of the
4 Communist Party Press, located at 1916 East Street, North
5 Side, Pittsburgh, and here I am referring to the Language
6 Press; and from time to time we would hold meetings in
7 some of the hotels in downtown Pittsburgh.

8 Q Now, what was discussed at these meetings of the
9 Nationality Commission?

10 A Well, we discussed about everything. Reports would
11 be made by Avrom Landy, Steve Nelson, or Arnold Johnson,
12 who were chairman of those meetings. Reports would also
13 be made by Sam Milgrom of the National Committee -- National
14 Executive Committee of the International Workers Order,
15 who was also one of the leaders of this Commission. We
16 discussed the Communist Party's program and policies; we
17 had educational discussions; we discussed the sale of
18 literature, Communist Party literature; the sale of the
19 Sunday and Daily Worker; we discussed the Communist Party
20 recruiting drives; Communist Party registration of members;
21 we would discuss the work of the Language Press at 1916
22 East Street; we would discuss the raising of funds for
23 the Communist Party; and then we would discuss the carrying
24 of the Party lines into our fraternal organizations, and
25 trade organizations, and mass organizations; and then as

1 a part of this, we would also discuss the recruiting of
2 members into the I.W.O.; the subscription drives for the
3 Language Press at 1916 East Street; the raising of funds
4 to carry on the work of this newspaper; and general
5 business that had to be discussed in connection with all
6 of our work.

7 Q You have indicated that there were officers of the
8 International Workers Order in attendance, right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Were these officers also members of the Communist
11 Party?

12 A Yes, sir. This was a Communist Party Commission.
13 I would like to make this clear. This was a Commission of
14 the Communist Party. I hope I am making myself clear.

15 Q And these meetings were closed meetings at which
16 only members of the Communist Party could attend, is that
17 so?

18 A That is right.

19 Q Now, do you recall some of the officials of the
20 International Workers Order who attended these meetings,
21 Mr. Cvetic?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Do you recall their names?

24 A Sam Milgrom, who made the reports at these meetings;
25 Michael Hanusiak --

1 Q What was his position?

2 A He was the Organizer of the Ukrainian section of the
3 I.W.O. Then there was Paul Kluvo.

4 Q Who was he?

5 A He was also introduced as an Organizer of the Polish
6 Section. How effective he was, I don't know.

7 Q Any others?

8 A Yes, Steve Mirokovich, of the Croatian Section of the
9 I.W.O.; Nicholas Baltich, Serbian Section of the I.W.O.;
10 Helen Vrabel, of the Slovak Section; Michael Dudash, he
11 worked with the Slovak Section of the I.W.O. ; Daniel
12 Kasustchik, I am not quite familiar with his Section --
13 it was either Russian or Ukrainian, but he was with the
14 I.W.O.

15 Q You have mentioned individually a large number of
16 various language groups. Was there any representation
17 from the English Section of the I.W.O. at these meetings
18 that we are speaking about?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Who would represent that group?

21 A John Middleton.

22 Q Now at these meetings of the International Workers
23 Order --

24 A I want to make one thing clear. There were several
25 others whose names I don't recall at this time.

1 Q Now, at the time of these meetings, were there
2 instructions given by the Nationality Commission with
3 respect to the activities to be carried out by the Inter-
4 National Workers Order officers within the International
5 Workers Order?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q What were these instructions?

8 A Well, these meetings, of course, would be on the
9 Party line. Everybody would be instructed to take the
10 Party line into the fraternal organizations in which they
11 were working, whether they were with the I. W. O. or
12 any other organization. In addition to this, on recruiting
13 drives, whenever the annual recruiting drive was under
14 way, the head of the Commission would make a report on the
15 recruiting drive, together with the necessity of getting
16 the I.W.O. into one of our organizations.

17 Q And who specifically would give these instructions,
18 Mr. Cvetic?

19 A While I was a member of this Commission, it was
20 Avrom Landy, or Arnold Johnson, or Steve Nelson, or Sam
21 Milgrom.

22 Q You mention Sam Milgrom, who at that time was the
23 ~~NATIONAL~~ Executive Committee Secretary of the International Workers
24 Order, is that correct?

25 A Yes, sir, National Executive Committee.

1 Q Now, did Sam Milgrom at any time issue any instruc-
2 tions concerning the International Workers Order?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q What was the nature of the instructions that he
5 issued?

6 A Well, specifically, the instructions came in the form
7 of Party line changes, and I attended probably fifty or
8 sixty meetings of this Committee, and of these meetings
9 I presume Sam attended fifteen or twenty. The instructions
10 usually came when there was a Party line change, and he
11 would hand down the instructions; for example, the Tito
12 Party line change. I remember that one very well, because
13 I had participated in that myself since I am of Slovak
14 descent. Sam stressed the importance of attacking Tito
15 in these fraternal organizations through the language
16 presses, and so on.

17 Q Were any instructions given relative to the distribution,
18 sale, display, and circulation of Communist Party literature
19 at these meetings?

20 A Yes, sir. As I testified before, that was always a
21 part of our business.

22 Q Were you ever employed by the International Workers
23 Order at any time?

24 A I was never employed, but I was offered employment
25 on one occasion.

1 Q Who offered you employment in the International Workers
2 Order?

3 A John Middleton and Sam Milgrom.

4 Q Approximately when did that occur?

5 A Approximately June or July of 1947.

6 Q And were you told what position they were offering you
7 at that time?

8 BY ATTORNEY:

9 I object. There is no evidence that they were offering
10 him a position.

11 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

12 Objection overruled. The question will be allowed.

13 BY ATTORNEY:

14 Exception.

15 BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

16 Q You may answer, Mr. Cvetic.

17 A The answer is yes.

18 Q Under what circumstances were you offered this
19 employment?

20 A John Middleton was visiting Pittsburgh, and he was
21 sent over to see me by Roy Hudson who was the Organizer
22 for the Communist Party. We went out to Tambellini's
23 restaurant. In the course of the conversation, John
24 Middleton asked me if I would be interested in going to
25 work as an organizer for the English Section of the I. W.O.

1 As I understand it, he had a discussion with Roy Hudson,
2 and Roy suggested to John that he contact me and discuss
3 with me as to my being available for such a job.

4 Q You testified, did you not, that you were not employed
5 by the International Workers Order?

6 A Right.

7 Q Why were you not employed when they made that offer
8 to you?

9 A Well, I talked it over with the F. B. I., and they
10 told me that I would serve better in the capacity where
11 I was working at that time, and I was active in the
12 American Slav Congress, and my job was covering Communist
13 Party activities in that organization.

14 Q Now, further regarding your attendance at the meetings
15 of the Nationality Commission, were you attend^{at}amt/any
16 meetings where the transfer, removal, or selection of
17 any officer of the International Workers Order was
18 discussed?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Where were these meetings held?

21 A Well, they were held at various locations. When we
22 changed the personnel, in Pittsburgh back in -- when we
23 closed the office in the Columbia Bank Building, there
24 was a change ~~and~~ in the personnel and we met right in
25 the office of the I.W.O. to discuss the closing of the
office and personnel changes.

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2 Q And do you recall any personnel changes that took
3 place as the result of discussions or decisions of this
4 Nationality Commission?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q What were they?

7 A As the result of these discussions held, we sent to
8 New York Nick Baltich -- Nicholas Baltich was sent to New
9 York; Mike Dudash was given some temporary employment in
10 New York; and Mike Hanusiak at that time was under fire.
11 They weren't satisfied with his progress. They were going
12 to let him go, but after some discussion, and as the
13 result of the discussion, the I.W.O. acted differently.
14 It seems that Mike was^{not} carrying out the responsibilities
15 of the Party and came under fire. We had a disciplinary
16 discussion. However, after the discussion, it was
17 decided that he will be kept on if he meets his responsi-
18 bility to the Party.

19 BY ATTORNEY:

20 Would it be convenient to have a short break, now,
21 Mr. Wyrsh?

22 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

23 Yes, if it is all right with Mr. Parr.

24 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

25 Yes, it is all right.

1 (A short recess was taken)

2 BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

3 Q Mr. Cvetic, referring again to those Nationality
4 Commission meetings, did you attend any meetings where
5 advertising by the International Workers Order in the
6 Communist Party Press was discussed?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q What was said concerning that particular subject,
9 Mr. Cvetic?

10 A Well, several meetings --

11 BY ATTORNEY:

12 A little louder, please.

13 A At several of the meetings which I attended, the
14 editors of the Language Press were talking about the short-
15 age of funds, and the discussion went into the Language
16 Press and into the newspaper over at 1916 East Street,
17 and Sam Milgrom who participated in several of these
18 meetings after the discussion would tell them that he would
19 see that additional advertising pages would be taken in
20 the newspaper.

21 Q Now, were any instructions issued pursuant to that?

22 A I don't know of any instructions being issued, but
23 Sam would let them know that money would be provided in
24 the form of ads.

25 Q Did you ever attend any Nationality Commission meetings
in New York?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q When were those meetings, if you recall ?

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A Well, I attended one meeting around September or October of 1949.

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Q In New York?

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A Yes, New York City.

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Q Were you present at any Nationality Commission meetings where funds of the International Workers Order were discussed?

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A Yes, sir.

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Q And what was said concerning funds of the International Workers Order?

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A Well, I attended the meeting of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party in the office of the International Workers Order at No. 80 Fifth Avenue. I was sent to this meeting by Steve Nelson, the District Organizer of the Communist Party of western Pennsylvania. He told me that when I got to New York, to meet with Sam Milgrom, and tell him to give me a thousand dollars for the District Office of the Communist Party. When I got to New York, I met with Sam Milgrom prior to the meeting of the Nationality Commission.

Q And did Sam Milgrom say anything concerning that matter at that time?

1 A Sam Milgrom told me when I got back to tell Steve
2 Nelson that he would take care of it.

3 Q Do you recall personally, or do you have any knowledge
4 as to whether or not this was done?

5 A Well, I gave Steve Nelson the message when I got
6 back to Pittsburgh, but whether the money was ever trans-
7 acted, I have no knowledge.

8 Q Now, at this meeting of the Nationality Commission
9 held at the headquarters of the International Workers
10 Order in New York, was Sam Milgrom present?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q What did he say at this particular meeting?

13 A Well, at this particular meeting, he made a report
14 on the Tito question, and the report was in the form of
15 raising a lot of Cain with the members present that the
16 Tito question was not being handled the way it should be.
17 He stressed that there was too much pro-Tito sentiment,
18 and that the organizers should get busy and give to the
19 Language Presses and to the fraternal organizations state-
20 ments attacking Tito in a more organized way, and, of
21 course, this was the line that was adopted at that time.
22 I know particularly the organizer in the Croatian Section
23 was criticized by him. Arnold Johnson also attended this
24 particular meeting.

25 Q And where -- I withdraw that. Was there anything,

1 specifically said concerning the participation of the
2 officers of the International Workers Order in this new
3 line, shall we call it?

4 A Yes, sir, not only the members of the International
5 Workers Order, but the Secretary of the American Slav
6 Congress. For instance, George Pirinsky was present,
7 and myself as well. The I.W.O. organizers had to follow
8 this line adopted at this meeting.

9 Q They had to follow?

10 A Yes, sir, they had to follow, that is right.

11 Q You mentioned George Pirinsky --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- did you know him to be a member of the Communist
14 Party?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q How did you know that?

17 A Because I had attended dozens of Nationality Commission
18 meetings of the Communist Party with George Pirinsky.

19 Q Now, at the time of this meeting held at the Inter-
20 national Workers Order headquarters in New York, did
21 Sam Milgrom have a position with the International Workers
22 Order?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Do you recall what is position was at that time,
25 Mr. Cvetic?

1 A I believe that at that time he was the National
2 Executive Secretary of the International Workers Order.

3 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

4 I am now at the point of the literature, Mr. Wyrsh.
5 Do you want to break for lunch?

6 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

7 Yes, this will be a good time to recess for lunch.

8 BY ATTORNEY:

9 I will want a little longer recess today, Mr. Wyrsh.

10 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

11 Since you want a longer recess, Mr. Englander, I
12 think we will get the literature now and get through that
13 part of it.

14 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

15 It will be allright with me.

16 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

17 We will recess for five minutes.

18 (Short recess was taken)

19 BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

20 Q Mr. Cvetic, I show you Government's Exhibit No. 18,
21 and call your attention to page 10, to a photograph
22 appearing above the name D. Kasustchik, and ask you to
23 look at that photograph and tell us whether or not you
24 know a person by that name?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And will you tell us whether or not this is a photo-
2 graph of the person whom you knew as D. Kasustchik?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Do you know whether or not D. Kasustchik is a member
5 of the Communist Party of the United States?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q How do you know that?

8 A Because he attended Nationality Commission meetings
9 of the Communist Party.

10 Q Meetings which were closed to persons other than
11 members of the Communist Party, is that correct?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q I call your attention to the photograph appearing
14 above the name A. Gerlach, and ask you if you know a person
15 by that name, and if the photograph is a picture of the
16 person that you know by that name?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Do you know whether A. Gerlach, whose photograph
19 appears there, is a member of the Communist Party of the
20 United States?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q How do you know he was a member of the Communist
23 Party?

24 A I attended meetings of the Nationality Commission
25 of the Communist Party with him.

1 Q I call your attention to the photograph appearing
2 above the name Peter Vukceovich, and ask you if you know
3 a person by that name, and if that is a photograph of the
4 person whom you know by that name?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q And was Peter Vukceovich a member of the Communist
7 Party?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q How do you know he was a member of the Communist
10 Party?

11 A I attended meetings of the Nationality Commission of
12 the Communist Party with him.

13 Q I call your attention now to Page 11 of Government's
14 Exhibit No. 18, and to the photograph appearing over the
15 name John Middleton, and ask you if you know a person
16 by that name, and if that is a photograph of the man whom
17 you know by that name?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Do you know whether John Middleton was a member of
20 the Communist Party?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And how do you know that?

23 A I attended meetings of the Nationality Commission of
24 the Communist Party with John Middleton.

25 Q Now, Mr. Cvetic, I show you Government's Exhibits

1 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 75, and ask you whether
2 or not you are familiar with these exhibits. Now, I call
3 your attention to the fact that I wish your answer to be
4 whether or not you are familiar with these documents, but
5 I point out that there may be a difference in the date of
6 publication between these documents and those which you
7 may have seen. I want your answer to be that the context
8 is the same or similar.

9 (Witness examines documents)

10 A All, but this one here. I never remember using this
11 one in particular.

12 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

13 Referring to Government's Exhibit No. 27.

14 BY EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

15 Q Were those books or pamphlets circulated, distributed,
16 sold, or displayed by the Communist Party of the United
17 States during the period of your membership in that
18 organization?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Do those documents reflect the teachings and doctrines
21 and principles of the Communist Party and advocated by
22 the Communist Party during the period of your membership
23 in that organization?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Were any of these books used in the Communist Party

1 schools that you attended?

2 A All but this one (indicating).

3 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

4 Referring to Government's Exhibit No. 31.

5 Q I now show you Government's Exhibits 24, 26, 28, 29,
6 and 30, and ask you whether or not those books were
7 distributed, circulated, sold, or displayed at International
8 Workers Orders' meetings which you attended during the
9 period of your membership in that organization, and
10 during the period of your membership in the Communist
11 Party?

12 A May I hear that question again, please?

13 (Question duly read by the reporter)

14 A Yes, sir, all of them.

15 BY ATTORNEY:

16 I just want to look at them for a few minutes.

17 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

18 That is all.

19 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

20 We will have a luncheon recess until 2:00 o'clock
21 at Mr. Englander's request.

22 (A luncheon recess was taken)

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A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

BY HEARING EXAMINER:

Mr. Cvetic, you are reminded that you are still under oath and the penalty for perjury still exists. Do you understand that?

BY WITNESS: Yes.

BY HEARING EXAMINER:

All right, Mr. Englander, you may cross examine the witness.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY ATTORNEY:

Q You say you are now consultant for the Immigration and Naturalization Service?

A Yes.

Q What do you mean by consultant for the Immigration and Naturalization?

A Well, I think that is just the title. I work with the Immigration and Naturalization Office on investigations.

Q And testifying?

A Yes, testifying.

Q Testifying upon the points of certain individuals and certain principles of the Communist Party?

A Well, I would say a little bit of everything.

Q A little bit?

A That is right.

1 Q In other words, you are just a little bit of an expert,
2 is that correct?

3 A I am not certain what you mean when you use the word
4 "expert". I don't follow you.

5 Q Well, in this particular case for instance, you are
6 testifying for the Government as an expert?

7 A On the basis of the knowledge I have acquired in the
8 last nine years.

9 Q You are a little expert; not a full-fledged expert, is
10 that correct?

11 A I am testifying as a consultant for the Immigration and
12 Naturalization on the basis of knowledge I have acquired in
13 nine years. Whatever emphasis you want to put on the word
14 "expert", I don't know.

15 Q Are you an expert on the philosophy of Marxism and
16 Leninism?

17 A I never use the word expert in referring to myself. I
18 don't know.

19 Q You were able, however, to testify on direct examination
20 as to the principles of the Communist Party during the period
21 of time that you claimed to be a member of that organization,
22 isn't that correct, Mr. Cvetic?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q For how long have you been consultant for the Immigration
25 and Naturalization Service?

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1 A Since May.

2 Q Of this year?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Did you apply for this position?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q It was offered to you?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q By whom?

9 A By the Immigration Bureau in Washington.

10 Q Who offered you this position in the Immigration Bureau
11 in Washington.

12 A To be very frank with you, I don't remember his name at
13 this time.

14 Q Did you receive a letter to go to Washington, or how
15 was the offer made to you?

16 A When I was at the House Un-American Activities Committee
17 testifying, I was told to come in when I was through.

18 Q Were you interviewed by Mr. Noto?

19 A No, sir. I don't think so. I don't believe I was. I
20 may have met him in Washington, but I am quite sure he did
21 not interview me there.

22 Q Where for the first time did you meet Mr. Noto?

23 A I said I may have met him in Washington, but I didn't
24 discuss anything/ⁱⁿWashington with him. The first time I had
25 any lengthy conversation with him was about five or six weeks

1 ago I presume.

2 Q Where did the conversation take place?

3 A Right in this building.

4 Q But you said you might have met Mr. Noto in Washington
5 during the time when you were called in there to apply for
6 the position?

7 A I may have, because I met several gentlemen, but I don't
8 recollect their names or acquaintances at this time.

9 Q In the testimony which you gave before the Un-American
10 Activities Committee and here, you were able to give time,
11 names and places very specifically -- you had a very good
12 recollection, but you don't seem to recall what happened
13 a few weeks ago -- May, 1950, do you?

14 A You asked me who gave me the job.

15 Q I asked you whether you met Mr. Noto at that particular
16 time, and you said you couldn't recall?

17 A I can't.

18 Q That is only in May, 1950?

19 A That is right. I might have shaken hands with him, but
20 I don't know whether I met him or not.

21 Q You say you were approached by the FBI in April, 1941,
22 to become an informer, is that right?

23 A That is right.

24 Q And did you agree at that time to become an informer,
25 Mr. Cvetic?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q And did you begin to inform for the FBI at that particular
3 time?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q But you didn't join the Communist Party at their request
6 until February, 1943?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q Well, that is about two years later?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q What were you informing on in between 1941 and 1943,
11 Mr. Cvetic?

12 A On the same thing -- members of the Party I met.

13 Q But you were not a member of the Communist Party at
14 that time?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q You were not a member of any organization at that time,
17 were you?

18 A Well, I may have been a member of some organization,
19 but not of the Communist Party.

20 Q What organization were you a member of at that time,
21 Mr. Cvetic?

22 A I don't recollect. I said I may have been. I don't
23 know if I belonged to any.

24 Q Your memory was very good when you gave names and places
25 and times and every thing like that, but it becomes very

1 faultly when I ask you what organizations you were a member
2 of prior to 1941?

3 A I have no recollection of attending any meetings of
4 any organizations at that particular time.

5 Q Your memory is only good between 1943 and the beginning
6 of 1950, isn't that right?

7 A That is not correct. I said I do not recollect at the
8 present time. I would have to refresh my memory and then
9 give you an answer.

10 Q How would you refresh your memory?

11 A I would perhaps try to think what I was doing at that
12 particular time.

13 Q Well, sit on the witness stand and think, and tell me
14 what organizations you belonged to prior to 1941?

15 A How far back do you want me to go?

16 Q Two or three years before that?

17 A I can go back many years ago -- I played baseball --

18 Q Let's go back two years. 1939 to 1941 -- what organ-
19 izations were you a member of during that time?

20 A I was a member of the Public Employment Service Organ-
21 ization that we had in the United States.

22 Q What kind of an organization was that?

23 A Well, that was a group that promoted the welfare of the
24 employees in the U.S.E.S.

25 Q For how long a period of time did you belong to that

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1 organization?

2 A About three or four years.

3 Q From when until when?

4 A Well, I believe I joined in 1939.

5 Q And were you a member of that organization while you
6 were informing for the FBI?

7 A I believe so, yes.

8 Q And informing on members of that organization while
9 you were so employed by the FBI?

10 BY EXAMINING OFFICER: I object to this line of
11 questioning, Mr. Hearing Examiner.

12 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

13 I will sustain the objection. I don't see the
14 materiality, Mr. Englander.

15 BY ATTORNEY:

16 I want to know if he was informing on members
17 of that group that he was doing welfare work for.

18 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

19 I don't consider that material, and will sustain
20 the objection.

21 BY ATTORNEY:

22 Exception.

23 Q What other organizations were you a member of, let us
24 say between 1939 and 1943?

25 A I was a member of an A.F. of L. union and also a C.I.O.

1 union.

2 Q What was the name of the A.F. of L. union?

3 A State, County, Municipal Work -- A.F. of L. branch.

4 Q And were you informing for the FBI during the period
5 of time you were a member of that A.F. of L. union?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q What was the name of the C.I.O. union you belonged to,
8 Mr. Cvetic?

9 A State, County and Municipal Work -- C.I.O. local.

10 Q And from when until when were you a member in that
11 union?

12 A I believe I joined in 1940 and continued in it until
13 about 1944 or 1945.

14 Q And were you informing on members of that union for the
15 FBI?

16 A On Communist Party members in the union, yes.

17 Q You knew who the Communist Party members were even
18 though you were not a member of the Communist Party?

19 A After?

20 Q I am talking about prior to the time you joined the
21 Communist Party?

22 A A couple of them, yes.

23 Q You were able to tell?

24 A No, I wasn't able to tell; they told me.

25 Q They told you?

1 A Yes.

2 Q They came over to you and volunteered the information
3 to you that they were members of the Communist Party, is
4 that right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q You were not a member of the Communist Party at that
7 time?

8 A Not at that time.

9 Q Did the FBI approach you to become an informer? Who
10 approached who?

11 A The FBI approached me.

12 Q Can you recall when approximately the FBI approached
13 you?

14 A In April, 1941.

15 Q Where?

16 BY WITNESS:

17 Mr. Hearing Examiner, I don't know why he is
18 asking me these questions. I can't see that they are material
19 and with all these Communists in the room, I don't think I
20 should answer questions that involve the security of the
21 country.

22 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

23 What is the purpose of these questions, Mr.
24 Englander?

25 BY ATTORNEY:

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1 I want to show the purpose of why he happened
2 to be picked. I want to show that there is a reason why
3 all of a sudden the FBI approaches him. There was a reason
4 behind it, and I want to show it.

5 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

6 Why not ask him why?

7 BY ATTORNEY:

8 What is wrong if he tells me why and where he
9 was approached?

10 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

11 Mr. Cvetic, you may state the city only; not the
12 specific location in which the FBI approached you on this
13 matter.

14 A Pittsburgh.

15 Q They came to you, is that right?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q And was that outside of the FBI offices?

18 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

19 I object to that.

20 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

21 Mr. Englander, let's not go into that.

22 BY ATTORNEY:

23 Pittsburgh is a big city.

24 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

25 I will allow just this question, Mr. Englander.

1 A Yes.

2 Q And had you had any previous contact with the F.B.I.,
3 Mr. Cvetic?

4 A Prior to the time they approached me?

5 Q Yes.

6 A No, to the best of my knowledge.

7 Q Did the FBI tell you why out of all the people in
8 Pittsburgh they were approaching you to be an informer for
9 them?

10 A Well, if you want the exact answer, they told me they
11 thought I was in a position to help them expose this
12 Communist conspiracy.

13 Q You had not been a member of the Communist Party at
14 that time?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q You had no contact with the FBI at all prior to that
17 time?

18 A No, sir, none.

19 Q So that out of all the people in Pittsburgh, the FBI
20 just felt that you would be in a position to help them
21 expose this Communist Party conspiracy?

22 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

23 I object to the question.

24 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

25 Objection sustained. That is a statement not

1 a question. You are saying what the FBI felt, you are not
2 asking a question.

3 Q You testified that the reason the FBI approached you
4 was because the FBI thought you were in a position to
5 expose the Communist conspiracy, is that correct?

6 A Yes, they told me I was in a position to help them
7 expose it.

8 Q But you had no previous contact with them?

9 A No.

10 Q You had not been a member of the Communist Party prior
11 to that time?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q You had not been in touch with the FBI prior to that
14 time, is that correct?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q How many people are living in Pittsburgh, approximately,
17 Mr. Cvetic?

18 A Approximately six hundred thousand.

19 Q So that it is your contention that the FBI picked
20 you out of six hundred thousand people in Pittsburgh to
21 become an informer for the FBI to help expose the Communist
22 conspiracy?

23 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

24 I object to that on the ground there is nothing
25 to indicate the FBI did not approach a lot of other

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1 people.

2 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

3 I will allow that question, but not any more
4 about this, Mr. Englander.

5 A They told me I was in a position to help them that is
6 all I know. I don't know what their contention was.

7 Q Have you ever been indicted for any offense?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q And at the time when the FBI approached you were you
10 still under indictment?

11 A No, sir. I was indicted, but the charge against me
12 was nolle prossed.

13 Q When was it nolle prossed?

14 A It seems to me it was quite a while before 1941. I
15 don't know the exact year, but I am quite sure it was before
16 1941.

17 Q In 1941?

18 A I said before.

19 Q Before 1941?

20 A It seems to me that it was.

21 Q What were you indicted for?

22 A Aggravated assault and battery.

23 Q Do you recall when the claim was made of assault and
24 battery? When did it take place?

25 A When?

1 Q Yes.

2 A I remember the incidence, but I don't recall the date
3 or month at this time.

4 Q Upon whom was it made?

5 A Well, do you want me to tell you about it?

6 Q Upon whom was it made? I am asking the questions.

7 Mr. Hearing Examiner, will you please instruct the witness
8 to answer the question.

9 A My sister-in-law.

10 Q And where did this assault and battery take place,
11 Mr. Cvetic?

12 A In my home.

13 Q And who was living in your home at that time?

14 A My wife, two children and myself.

15 Q And what hour of the day or night did the assault take
16 place?

17 A As far as I recollect, it was 2:00 o'clock in the morn-
18 ing.

19 Q That was a sexual assault, was it not?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q At 2:00 o'clock in the morning, you made an assault on
22 your sister-in-law while your wife was asleep, isn't that
23 correct?

24 A No, sir, that is not correct.

25 Q Not correct?

1 A We were all together.

2 Q All together?

3 A That is right.

4 Q What did you do?

5 A Simply this: She was trying to tell me how to run my
6 home, and like sometimes a man will do, I asked her to
7 move a way from me -- I pushed her and she fell down, and
8 as she fell down she broke her wrist. That is all there
9 was to it.

10 Q And that is correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And it was nolle prossed after the time that you had
13 become an informer for the FBI?

14 A That is not so. It was nolle prossed at a hearing in
15 court, which the FBI had nothing to do with. The judge
16 had already picked a jury and all, but the charge against
17 me was nolle prossed because I paid the doctor bills. That
18 is all there was to it.

19 Q You paid the doctor bills, is that right?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q How much were the doctor bills?

22 A About \$340.

23 Q So from a simple push which you gave her, she sustained
24 damages to the extent of doctor bills in the amount of
25 \$340, is that correct?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Well, is it not a fact that you assaulted her sexually,
3 and your wife got up screaming from bed?

4 A No, sir.

5 Q What is your wife saying about this?

6 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

7 I object to that.

8 Q What is your wife saying at the present time?

9 A I don't know what she is saying, because I have not
10 seen her for a long time.

11 Q As a matter of fact, you haven't supported her for
12 a long time, have you?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q You have been called into court for non-support of
15 your wife and children, isn't that correct?

16 A That is right, but I always supported my children.
17 I left them a \$16,000 home out there, if you don't call
18 that support, I don't know what you would call it.

19 Q Nevertheless, you were called into court for non-support
20 of your wife and children?

21 A Yes.

22 Q That is what your wife is saying now, isn't that cor-
23 rect?

24 A I don't know what she is saying.

25 Q Did you ever see this leaflet, which contains an

1 interview with your wife?

2 A Yes, sir. I heard about this leaflet.

3 Q Isn't this an interview which your wife gave to the
4 press?

5 A If you say to the Communist Party.

6 Q Isn't this an interview your wife gave to the press,
7 Mr. Cvetic?

8 A I don't know whether she did or not, someone told me
9 she did, but I don't know.

10 Q What does your wife have to say about this aggravated
11 assault and battery? Read it out loud, please?

12 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

13 I object, Mr. Hearing Examiner.

14 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

15 Never mind reading it out loud. Read it to
16 yourself.

17 A I read this before. I don't know whether she said
18 this or not.

19 Q What did she say about you? How did the assault take
20 place?

21 A I don't know whether she said this or not.

22 Q How does your wife say the assault took place, Mr.
23 Cvetic?

24 A There is nothing to indicate my wife even said this
25 stuff.

1 Q What does this leaflet say your wife said?

2 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

3 I object to this line of questioning. I can't
4 see the relevancy.

5 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

6 Mr. Englander, I am not adverse to having you
7 confront the witness with that leaflet, but I am not going
8 to have him read it. It would be strictly hearsay.

9 BY ATTORNEY:

10 I am asking him what his wife said in the
11 alleged interview in his own words.

12 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

13 That would only be stating what that paper
14 shows was said by his wife. I don't object to your showing
15 the leaflet to the witness, but I don't think it is proper
16 in the course of cross examination to ask him to read what
17 is contained in that leaflet.

18 BY ATTORNEY:

19 I offer it in evidence.

20 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

21 I object to it on the grounds it is irrelevant
22 and immaterial.

23 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

24 Objection sustained.

25 BY ATTORNEY:

1 Exception.

2 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

3 Mr. Englander, that is strictly hearsay evidence;
4 the pamphlet showing what his wife is alleged to have said,
5 is not acceptable evidence, and in addition it is a
6 collateral matter. The relationship of the witness and
7 his wife is not going to be made one of the issues in
8 this case. I am not going to conduct a trial on domestic
9 relations.

10 BY ATTORNEY:

11 It is not a domestic question, it is a question
12 of an attack.

13 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

14 That is your contention. Was the witness con-
15 victed of an attack?

16 BY ATTORNEY:

17 No.

18 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

19 If the witness was not convicted, he cannot be
20 said to be guilty of that charge.

21 BY ATTORNEY:

22 A person can be guilty of a crime without being
23 convicted.

24 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

25 Well, at this hearing, I am not going to have

1 a trial of some criminal matter that is outside of the
2 scope of this hearing.

3 BY ATTORNEY:

4 All right, one more question, and I will be
5 through with it.

6 Q Did your wife say this? "My sister was visiting me
7 at our house. I had gone to sleep. Suddenly I heard a
8 terrific noise. My sister was being terribly beaten, and
9 that yellow coward ran out when he saw me coming." Is
10 that true or false, Mr. Cvetic?

11 A I would say that statement as stated in that leaflet
12 was false.

13 Q You did pay \$340 in doctor bills and damages, did you
14 not?

15 A That is correct. I paid that for a broken wrist. I
16 think I made that clear. When I pushed her, she fell down
17 and broke her wrist. She was hospitalized.

18 Q When did you say you joined the International Workers
19 Order?

20 A I said approximately 1946 or thereabouts. I don't
21 remember the exact date. I think I made that clear in my
22 testimony.

23 Q 1945?

24 A It could be in 1945.

25 Q When was the last time you paid dues?

1 A It seems to me in the Spring of this year.

2 Q Early part of this year?

3 A I think so.

4 Q I show you this, what purports to be an application
5 for membership in the I.W.O., and ask you if this is your
6 signature?

7 A Yes, it is.

8 BY ATTORNEY:

9 I offer it in evidence: Application for member-
10 ship in the International Workers Order, Inc., bearing
11 the signature of this witness together with two cards taken
12 from the files of the I.W.O., and I will say for the record
13 at this moment that in recent times, as I understand it,
14 the I.W.O. has a new system what they call a point system
15 showing when a member is expelled or has paid. I have
16 been given to understand that this witness has been ex-
17 pelled as of June 1950, which would coincide with his
18 testimony. However, at some later date, I will be able
19 to explain that point system. However, I am offering this
20 to show that he was a member of the I.W.O., and there is
21 no variance in the dates on the application and card and
22 the testimony of the witness.

23 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

24 You mean the punch card here is what contains
25 the record or notation as to when he was discharged or

1 expelled?

2 BY ATTORNEY:

3 Yes. You see if he paid dues up until the
4 Spring of 1950, he would be expelled six months later
5 for non-payment of dues, which would be just about June.

6 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

7 This column to the left of the punch card beneath
8 the caption "Expelled" has three punches, is that the
9 notation that you say indicates that he was expelled in
10 June of 1950?

11 BY ATTORNEY:

12 I believe so. I am not too familiar with the
13 punch card, but I have been told by officers of the I.W.O.
14 that that would show the expulsion sometime in June or
15 July.

16 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

17 There is a column here entitled "Expelled", that
18 is what I am referring to.

19 BY ATTORNEY:

20 Under the Insurance Provision of the Law and
21 under the By-Laws of the International Workers Order,
22 members get expelled for non-payment of dues every three
23 months. He got expelled six months later -- three months
24 more, all together six months. So he paid dues in the
25 early part of this year, therefore, he would be expelled,

1 around June, 1950, which would coincide with the testimony
2 he gave.

3 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

4 Off the record.

5 (Discussion off the record.)

6 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

7 I have no objection to the documents going into
8 evidence, provided as it was stated in the past, Mr.
9 Englander will bring in certification that those are true
10 documents.

11 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

12 He made that statement as to certain documents
13 which he had no photostatic copies for. However, here he
14 has both originals and photostats.

15 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

16 I withdraw my objection.

17 BY ATTORNEY:

18 The witness said he joined in about September,
19 1945, isn't that when you say you joined?

20 BY WITNESS:

21 I said approximately then.

22 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

23 And you state this punch card indicates an
24 expulsion in June of 1950?

25 BY ATTORNEY:

1 That is right.

2 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

3 You see I cannot figure out the punch card.

4 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

5 It was due to the punch card that I raised my
6 objection, Mr. Hearing Examiner.

7 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

8 Well, on the basis of Mr. Englander's assurance
9 that the date of expulsion on the punch card coincides with
10 the testimony of the witness, I am not going to exclude it
11 from evidence. However, I am taking your word for that,
12 Mr. Englander.

13 BY ATTORNEY:

14 That is correct.

15 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

16 Can you state why the reverse of this application,
17 the medical examination is not filled out?

18 BY ATTORNEY:

19 The By-Laws and Constitution of the I.W.O. were
20 ^{so} changed/as to permit a person who is under forty-five
21 to obtain insurance of not more than one thousand dollars
22 without a medical examination.

23 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

24 I see, no medical examination is required of
25 an applicant under his forty-fifth birthday. You are not

1 offering
/the reverse of the application, is that correct?

2 BY ATTORNEY:

3 That is correct.

4 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

5 There is accepted in evidence as Respondent's
6 Exhibit No. 26, Application No. 353937, in the International
7 Workers Order, executed by Matthew Casimar Cvetic, together
8 with attached 3x5 card bearing the same name and number,
9 as well as a punch card which also bears the same name
10 and number. The originals of the three documents are
11 returned to Mr. Englander having been compared with the
12 photostatic copies, and the photostatic copies are received
13 in evidence.

14 BY ATTORNEY:

15 Q Mr. Cvetic, you were never a member of the National
16 Committee of the Nationality Commission, were you?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You were?

19 A Yes, I attended many of those meetings.

20 Q I didn't ask you that. I asked you if you were a
21 member of that Commission?

22 A Yes, I was.

23 Q Of the Nationality Commission?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q You have been writing articles for the Saturday

1 Evening Post?

2 A I submitted some articles to them.

3 Q And didn't you state in those articles that you were
4 only a member of the Nationality Commission for Western
5 Pennsylvania?

6 A Well, I don't know if the article is complete, but
7 certainly I was also a member of the Nationality Commission
8 of Western Pennsylvania.

9 Q When did you become a member of the National Committee
10 of the Nationality Commission?

11 A I would say I probably attended my first meeting about
12 five or six years ago.

13 Q About when?

14 A "45"

15 Q When?

16 A "44" or "45".

17 Q Isn't it a fact that in the Saturday Evening Post
18 you said the Spring of 1944 you were assigned to the
19 Communist Party Nationality Commission for Western Pennsyl-
20 vania?

21 A That is right.

22 Q So that you were assigned only to the Nationality
23 Commission of Western Pennsylvania?

24 A That is not a fact.

25 Q Not a fact?

1 No, because it was shortly after that that our National
2 Body started meeting. I attended my first Nationality
3 Commission meeting on a National basis in Cleveland, Ohio,
4 in May of 1944, I believe.

5 Q Weren't those enlarged Nationality Commission meetings,
6 Mr. Cvetic?

7 A Of the National Body, yes.

8 Q They were enlarged, but you were not a member of
9 that Body?

10 A But I was. I was the Official Slovene Bureau Represen-
11 tative on the Nationality Commission of the United States.

12 Q And you held a position of that nature by reason of
13 your Slovene origin?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q And you are familiar with the various Slovenian
16 Nationality Groups in this Country?

17 A With some of them, yes.

18 Q Now, had it not been the practice during the period
19 of time that you claimed to be a member of the Communist
20 Party for the Communist Party to invite individuals to
21 their meetings of the special Nationality Commission who
22 were not members of the Communist Party?

23 A No, sir, that was not the practice. The practice
24 for the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party
25 was to meet periodically when there was a change in Party

1 line. That was the usual practice.

2 Q Was it the practice also to invite people from
3 mass meetings and mass organizations who were not members
4 of the Communist Party?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Never the practice?

7 A No, sir. On the contrary it was just the opposite.
8 Communist Party members assigned to fraternal organizations
9 in mass group meetings -- for example I was a member of
10 the Slovenian American National Council, and prior to the
11 meetings of this Council, I would meet with members and
12 leaders of the Nationality Commission, and would be told
13 usually how to handle the Party line.

14 Q What council was that?

15 A Slovenian American National Council.

16 Q What was that?

17 A A political action group of Slovenians, and I can say
18 that no member outside of a Communist Party member was
19 ever invited to Nationality Commission meetings.

20 Q Now, in your application for membership in the I.W.O.,
21 what kind of a branch did you join?

22 A I was assigned to a Croatian Branch.

23 Q Of the Croatian Fraternal Union?

24 A Of the Croatian Section of the International Workers
25 Order.

1 Q You mentioned a person by the name of Helen Vrabel,
2 what position did she hold in the Slovak organization?

3 A Helen was organizer in the I.W.O. in Pittsburgh while
4 I knew her, and was later transferred to New York, as I
5 recall.

6 Q Do you know the name of the Slovak Society?

7 A Slovak Workers Society.

8 Q Is that the same as the National Slovak Society?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q What is the National Slovak Society?

11 A Another fraternal organization.

12 Q Where did they have their offices?

13 A I believe on Court Place in Pittsburgh.

14 Q Where?

15 A Court Place.

16 Q Pittsburgh?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And at these Nationality Commission meetings in
19 Western Pennsylvania, were representatives of the National
20 Slovak Society present?

21 A As far as I know we didn't have any Party members in
22 the National Slovak Society.

23 Q Were members of the Croatian Fraternal Union present
24 at these meetings?

25 A The one Communist Party member we had in the Croatian

1 Fraternal was a fellow named Krasch, he would be with us.
2 occasionally.

3 Q And when you were discussing the change in personnel,
4 you said Helen Vrabel, who was Organizer of the Slovak
5 Workers Society was transferred from Pittsburgh to New
6 York?

7 A Right. We had a meeting and then it was taken into
8 the Nationality Commission of the Party.

9 Q Who was the National President of the Slovak Society
10 at that time?

11 A You mean of the National Slovak Society?

12 Q That is right.

13 A That's not the Slovak Workers.

14 Q Of the Slovak Workers Society?

15 A I don't know. I may have known but right now I couldn't
16 tell you.

17 Q What?

18 A I don't know.

19 Q I am talking about the Slovak Workers, which was a
20 part of the I.W.O.

21 A I don't know.

22 Q Who was the National President at the time when Helen
23 Vrabel, the organizer, was transferred from Pittsburgh to
24 New York?

25 A At the present time, I don't recall.

1 Q Is it not a fact that Helen Vrabel was the National
2 President of that organization?

3 A She could have been.

4 Q She was, wasn't she?

5 A She could have been.

6 Q You knew, you met with the Nationality Group, you
7 knew all about it?

8 A Of the Nationality Commission.

9 Q You knew Helen Vrabel didn't you? You knew about
10 the Slovak Society, didn't you?

11 A Yes.

12 Q You were put in there because of your origin, isn't
13 that correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q But you didn't know who the president of the Society
16 was?

17 A I didn't know her by title, no.

18 Q You only knew her by organizer?

19 A I knew her as a member of the Communist Party. As to
20 her activities, it was not good practice in the Communist
21 Party to ask anybody their names or titles. It wasn't
22 good to show too much interest in her activities.

23 Q But you say she was transferred as organizer, is that
24 right?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Isn't it a fact that she had been elected to the
2 National Presidency by convention of that Society and
3 afterwards was not reelected, and someone else was reelected;
4 wasn't that the change in personnel?

5 A That was discussed long before.

6 Q I am not asking you whether that was discussed or not
7 -- wasn't that the change in personnel?

8 A Well, the change that took place as a result of that
9 Nationality Commission --

10 Q I am not asking you the result of what took place --
11 wasn't that the change in personnel -- the election of
12 one officer by the Society and then that person not being
13 reelected, but someone else being elected?

14 A That could have been the formality, but I wasn't there.

15 Q I am asking you in regard to this particular point,
16 Helen Vrabel was elected National President of the Slovak
17 Workers Society by the convention of that Society, and
18 then not reelected?

19 A I will be frank and say I didn't attend the convention.
20 I don't know. I didn't attend.

21 Q You don't know, that is what I wanted to hear you say,
22 you don't know.

23 A That is right, I don't know.

24 Q Now, you say at various times you went around collecting
25 funds, is that right?

1 A That is right.

2 Q From whom did you collect funds? What organizations
3 did you collect from?

4 A It all depends on what you mean.

5 Q Funds -- you know what funds mean, don't you?

6 A Yes. Do you mean for the Communist Party? Collecting
7 funds for the Communist Party?

8 Q That is right.

9 A Well, I with Mike Hanusiak --

10 Q I am asking you what organizations did you go around
11 and collect funds from?

12 A My job was to go around to the various organizations
13 that worked with us and we were able to influence and
14 distribute raffles or tickets, that was my particular job.
15 So Mike who was familiar with the set up would ^{give} the branches
16 so many tickets and it was my job to get those raffles and
17 tickets into the branches also.

18 Q Into which branches?

19 A Of the I.W.O. in the various sections. To go into
20 every detail along that line would be pretty difficult.
21 I was in the lodges in McKeesport, and then, of course,
22 Lawrenceville, which was my own lodge, and up to West-
23 moreland County with Mike. We would go to the lodges up
24 there and part of our job in addition to distributing
25 these tickets to raise money for our fund drives and things

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1 like that would be to get contributions for the committee.

2 Q Over how long a period did you do that?

3 A I think Mike and I worked together for four years on
4 that.

5 Q And what methods did you use in raising funds while
6 you were up there besides distributing these raffles?

7 A Petitions.

8 Q Petitions?

9 A That were put out by the Party., and direct contri-
10 butions for our Committee.

11 Q You asked for direct contributions yourself, is that
12 correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And you represented yourself to be a member of the
15 Communist Party from Pittsburgh?

16 A To be a member of the labor press, but I was also
17 known as a Communist functionary in Western Pennsylvania.

18 Q Let me read to you from your article in the Saturday
19 Evening Post -- talking about collections and contributions:
20 "I succeeded in having such contributions voted upon
21 favorably in the fraternal organization meetings, and in
22 the union meetings, but I'd been taught enough about how
23 such things should be done so that I did not make such
24 motions myself. I persuaded non-party members to make
25 them for me." Isn't that what you wrote for the Saturday

1 Evening Post?

2 A Should we read the rest of that?

3 Q Is that what you wrote?

4 A That was in reference to contributions for the American
5 Slav Congress.

6 Q I am asking you whether you wrote that in the Saturday
7 Evening Post?

8 A Let me clear that up.

9 Q Will you answer my question please?

10 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

11 I object.

12 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

13 Mr. Englander, let him go into that.

14 BY ATTORNEY:

15 I will go into it later, I want him to answer
16 my question now.

17 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

18 You may qualify the answer, sir.

19 A Yes, I did. They were contributions for the American
20 Slav Convention in 1944 and subsequent years.

21 Q What did you mean by, "I'd been taught enough about
22 how such things should be done so that I did not make such
23 motions myself. I persuaded non-party member to make them
24 for me."

25 A I was a Communist Party member in Western Pennsylvania

1 and when I would go into Slovenian halls or where I may
2 have run into difficulty as a known Communist Party member
3 in some of the organizations where we did not have control,
4 why I would persuade non-Communist Party members to make
5 the motion on the floor.

6 Q You talk here about fraternal organizations you would
7 go to, is that right?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Isn't the International Workers Order a fraternal
10 organization?

11 A Yes, but we had control of the International Workers
12 Order.

13 Q You had control of it, so you could go in and say openly
14 you were a Communist Party member?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And your main job was to distribute raffles, is that
17 correct?

18 A Raffles, literature and from time to time fund petitions.

19 Q You say you weren't in very often as a member of the
20 labor press, is that right?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And was that in a National group or a local group,
23 Mr. Cvetic?

24 A Labor press?

25 Q Yes.

A The committee I worked with worked in Pittsburgh --

1 Western Pennsylvania, but we had a committee in New York
2 and it was a committee set up by the Communist Party as
3 a fund-raising agency of the Party.

4 Q Now, in Western Pennsylvania where you worked with
5 that Committee, how many members did it have?

6 A Well, the --

7 Q How many members? Numbers, without giving us names
8 and so forth.

9 A Well, --

10 Q How many? Five, ten, twenty? How many?

11 A Two.

12 Q Two members?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q And were you one of the members?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And you went around collecting funds, you say, for
17 the press, is that correct?

18 A For the Daily and Sunday Worker.

19 Q Only those two?

20 A For the Daily and Sunday Worker and for the Communist
21 Party District Office and for the National Office.

22 Q And the entire committee consisted of two people, is
23 that right?

24 A That is right -- in Western Pennsylvania.

25 BY ATTORNEY:

1 May I have Government's Exhibit No. 18?

2 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

3 We will recess for five minutes.

4 (Five minute recess was taken.)

5 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

6 All right, Mr. Englander.

7 Q I show you Government's Exhibit No. 18, and show you
8 a picture underneath which says A. Landy, District Secretary
9 of New Jersey; will you look at that and see if this is
10 the Landy who was in the Nationality Commission?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Not the same Landy?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q Was that the Landy who you knew who was known as a
15 Communist Party Theoretician, one who was well versed in
16 Communist Party theory?

17 A I don't know if he was known as that, but the Landy
18 I knew was the head of the Nationality Commission for I
19 don't know how long, but he conducted for about six
20 months. As a matter of fact, he helped to organize the
21 Communist Party for the American Slave Congress in
22 1944.

23 Q You say you don't know whether he was a theoretician
24 of the Communist Party?

25 A He never taught me theory, so I don't know his

1 theoretical background.

2 Q You testified about a meeting in which editors of the
3 newspapers in Pittsburgh complained about not getting
4 enough money, and they were prompting additional ads, is
5 that correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q What newspapers were they, do you recall?

8 A Well, the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

9 Q Give me the languages; that is much simpler?

10 A They were Croatian, Serbian and Slovak.

11 Q Any others?

12 A Yes, the Sunday and Daily Workers appeals were made
13 through Steve Nelson.

14 Q I am talking about the meeting where Sam Milgrom
15 promised additional ads would be put in.

16 A Yes.

17 Q Was that at a Nationality Commission meeting of
18 Western Pennsylvania?

19 A No, it was a National Commission meeting of the United
20 States; it was called in Pittsburgh. As a matter of fact,
21 we held it in the Ukrainian Hall -- South Side of
22 Pittsburgh.

23 Q And who was the one who asked for additional funds,
24 Mr. Cvetic?

25 A Well, there were appeals made by many.

1 Q What newspapers?

2 A All of them.

3 Q Which ones?

4 A I can give you the names.

5 Q Which language, it is much simpler that way. Give
6 me the language?

7 A Croatian, ~~Serbian~~, and Slovak.

8 Q And Sam Milgrom promised them additional ads?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q What additional ads were placed in those newspapers,
11 Mr. Cvetic?

12 A Well, it wasn't part of my job to know afterwards
13 where the ads appeared or if they appeared.

14 Q Were those ads of the National Organization of the
15 I.W.O.?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What year was that?

18 A Well, that happened about two years ago.

19 Q Two years ago?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q And did ads appear in the Slovenian paper?

22 A No.

23 Q Which one?

24 A Croatian, Serbian and Slovak.

25 Q And they were ads of the National Office of the I.W.O.,

1 is that correct?

2 A I didn't check on the newspapers, but I was there when
3 the appeals were made.

4 Q You say that the ads were placed by the National
5 Office of the I.W.O. in those three papers?

6 A By the I.W.O.

7 Q National Office?

8 A I wasn't there when the ads were placed.

9 Q Well, did you see the papers?

10 A I don't work in the I.W.O. I don't know what is the
11 result of these decisions.

12 Q I know you don't work there and I know you don't know.
13 I agree with that.

14 A I don't remember any of that.

15 Q But you say you saw these ads, do you not?
have

16 A I /seen ads in those papers.

17 Q By the National Office of the International Workers
18 Order?

19 A By the office of the I.W.O.

20 Q Look, will you pay attention to my question. By the
21 National Office of the I.W.O.?

22 A I saw many ads in our publication from the International
23 Workers Order.

24 Q By the National Office?

25 A Well, all I know is that promises were made at these

1 meetings.

2 Q Will you answer my question, please? Were those ads
3 that you saw placed by the National Office of the Inter-
4 national Workers Order?

5 A I don't know who placed them.

6 Q Did they state they were placed by the I.W.O. , 80
7 Fifth Avenue?

8 A Yes, in several of our publications, as I can recall
9 the ads stated --

10 Q Not several, I am talking about the three newspapers
11 you mentioned; let's stick to those three newspapers, Mr.
12 Cvetic?

13 A We have that printed on calendars.

14 Q I am not interested in that. I am asking you about
15 those threenewspapers, did the ads appear from the National
16 Office of the I.W.O.?

17 A I never checked back to see if the ads appeared.

18 Q You have been treated by a psychiatrist for a period
19 of years, right?

20 A That is right.

21 Q When for the first time did you commence receiving
22 treatment by a psychiatrist?

23 A I would say about 1933 or 1934. May I clear/up on
24 this? You are using the word psychiatrist. I was treated
25 by a neurologist.

1 Q What was his name?

2 A Harold Mitchell.

3 Q And isn't he the head of the psychiatric department
4 of the university of Pittsburgh?

5 A I don't know. He is a neurologist and a psychiatrist.
6 There is a difference.

7 Q I know that, but weren't you treated by a psychiatrist
8 for psychiatric ailments.

9 A No, by a neurologist for a nervous ailment.

10 Q A mental disorder, isn't that correct?

11 A That is incorrect.

12 Q What kind of a nervous ailment was it that you were
13 treated for?

14 A I had a nervous condition, and I was advised by my
15 physician to seek, what he said, was competent advice,
16 and he suggested a neurologist -- so Dr. Mitchell treated
17 me for the condition.

18 Q Was that a physical nervous condition for which you
19 were being treated?

20 A Well, I guess so, if you will call a nervous stomach
21 a physical condition and my heart.

22 Q I am not asking you what you call it. What were you
23 being treated for?

24 A For my stomach and heart. I am not a doctor, but I
25 was advised to seek the advice of a competent neurologist,

1 Q And is he a psychiatrist?

2 A Neurologist-psychiatrist.

3 Q And when was the last time you received treatment
4 from him?

5 A I went for a check up about two months ago.

6 Q You say you were treated for stomach ailments, is that
7 correct?

8 A Stomach nervousness and heart nervousness.

9 Q How did they manifest themselves?

10 A Well, I guess rapid heart more than anything.

11 Q I am talking about stomach nervousness?

12 A I get indigestion very easily.

13 Q When you testified in a case in Pittsburgh, I believe,
14 did you say anything about a stomach nervous condition,
15 Mr. Cvetic?

16 A Yes.

17 Q You are positive about that?

18 A I don't know if I said it there, but that is my
19 trouble.

20 Q You didn't say it there?

21 A I don't know whether I did or not. You asked how
22 it manifested itself.

23 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

24 Tell the witness what case you are talking about,
25 Mr. Englander.

1 BY ATTORNEY:

2 In the case of Antoinette Nuss, Court of
3 Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

4 Q You didn't say anything about a stomach nervousness,
5 did you? You only described a heart nervousness?

6 A I have a nervous heart.

7 Q Yes or no, please?

8 A I don't remember whether I did or not.

9 Q As a matter of fact, didn't you testify that you
10 had been for a heart check up, and the doctor found nothing
11 organically wrong with you?

12 A That is right.

13 Q So over all these years you have been treated by a
14 psychiatrist-neurologist for what you call a heart nervous-
15 ness?

16 A They call a functional disorder.

17 Q Is Dr. Mitchell a heart specialist?

18 A No.

19 Q When you went to him when you were first treated by
20 him did you describe to him your heart condition?

21 A I think so, yes.

22 Q And did he send you right afterwards to a heart
23 specialist?

24 A I have been checked by a heart specialist, but I don't
25 recall how long.

1 Q When you went to Dr. Mitchell, you went as a result
2 of pain in the heart, is that correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And did he then send you to a heart specialist right
5 afterwards?

6 A I don't recollect.

7 Q But nevertheless he treated you for a period of ten
8 years, is that correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Off and on thereafter, you went back for further
11 treatment?

12 A Well, not immediately; it depended on how I felt.

13 Q You had gone back for treatment to Dr. Malcolm, who
14 is a neurologist-psychiatrist?

15 A Yes.

16 BY ATTORNEY:

17 That is all.

18 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

19 Any redirect, Mr. Parr?

20 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

21 No redirect, sir.

22 BY HEARING EXAMINER:

23 If there are no further questions, the witness
24 will be excused.

25 BY EXAMINING OFFICER:

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 17, 1950

(The hearing resumed at 10:40 o'clock A.M.)

HEARING EXAMINER: Are both sides ready to resume?

EXAMINING OFFICER: The Government is ready.

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: As previously advised,

you may still, if you so desire, be represented by an attorney-at-law or some other qualified person at this hearing. I ask you at this time if, since the continuance of yesterday, you have made any effort to secure such representative, of attorney-at-law or some other person, who will appear at this hearing at Pittsburgh?

RESPONDENT: My attorney is in New York and I have no possibility of obtaining the services of another attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER: You are again advised that during the course of this hearing you may indicate at any time that you wish to be represented by an attorney or some other qualified person who will appear at this hearing in Pittsburgh. In the event you indicate same, the Hearing Examiner will con-

sider a request on your part for a continuance for the purpose of securing such a representative. Do you understand? Do you understand what I have said?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney, Your Honor.

HEARING EXAMINER: By that you refuse to answer my question, yes or no, you prefer to answer, you have no attorney, to all my questions, is that right?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER TO EXAMINING OFFICER: You may proceed.

EXAMINING OFFICER: Matthew Cvetic, please take the stand.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, witness, is called to the stand.

HEARING EXAMINER TO WITNESS:

Q What is your name?

A Matthew Cvetic.

Q Do you solemnly swear that all the statements you are about to make in this proceeding will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; so help you God?

A I do.

Q If you willfully and knowingly tell a lie in this proceeding

as to anything which is important to the decision to be made in this case, you may be prosecuted for perjury, the penalty for which is imprisonment of not more than five years or a fine of \$2,000, or both such fine and imprisonment. Do you understand?

A Yes, sir.

HEARING EXAMINER TO EXAMINING OFFICER: You may proceed.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

Q In what city do you live, Mr. Cvetic?

A Pittsburgh.

Q Where were you born?

A In Pittsburgh.

Q Are you a citizen of the United States by birth?

A Yes.

Q Are you at this time a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America?

A Not at the present time.

Q Were you ever a member of that organization?

A Yes.

Q When did you first become a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America?

A In February of 1943.

Q Where did you become a member?

A Fifth Avenue High School, Pittsburgh.

Q And how long did you continue as a member of the Communist Party after February 1943?

A Until February of 1950.

Q Who sponsored your membership in the Communist Party?

A Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a member of the National Board of the Communist Party, and Andy Novac, who lived at Verona, Pennsylvania, at that time.

Q What was the exact name of the Party which you joined in February of 1943?

A Communist Party, U.S.A.

Q And how long did the Communist Party continue under that name?

A Some time in the spring, I believe it was around April, of 1944, April or May, the Party changed its name to the Communist Political Association.

Q Was it the same Party?

A The same Party.

Q And how long did it continue as the Communist Political Association?

A Until the National Convention of the Communist Party in July or August of 1945, when it reverted back to the Communist

Party of the United States.

Q And how long after July or August 1945 was the Party known as the Communist Party of the United States?

A From the convention of 1945 until I left the Party in February.

Q Was it the Communist Party of the United States or the Communist Party of the United States of America?

A The Communist Party of the United States of America.

Q And it continued until which year?

A It continued until February - I can testify just until I left the Party. Until February of 1950.

Q During your membership in the Communist Party of the United States of America and the Communist Political Association, were you issued membership cards in those organizations?

A Yes, sir.

Q During which years were you issued membership cards?

A From February of 1943 until January of 1948.

Q Were you issued any identification card or membership card after 1948?

A No, sir.

Q Why not?

A Because the decision of the Communist Party, taken some time in the year 1948, was not to issue Communist Party member-

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ship cards for security reasons.

Q Upon joining the Communist Party, were you assigned to any unit or group?

A I was assigned to the Professional Branch of the Communist Party.

Q Was it known by any name?

A The Tom Payne Branch.

Q In which city?

A The City of Pittsburgh.

Q Was the Tom Payne Branch affiliated or associated with any section or unit of the Communist Party?

A It was the Professional Section of the Communist Party.

Q And to whom was it directly responsible?

A To the District Organizer of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

Q Were you thereafter assigned to any other unit or group?

A In the year of 1945, the spring or summer, I was assigned to the Northside Club of the Communist Party.

Q Were you ever assigned to any other clubs of the Communist Party during your membership?

A In the spring of 1945 I was assigned to the East End Club of the Communist Party.

Q When were you assigned to the Northside Club of the Communist

Party?

A In the spring of 1944.

Q You previously stated 1945. Was it 1944 or 1945 that you were assigned to the Northside Club?

A 1944.

Q And in 1945 you were assigned to the East End Club?

A That is correct.

Q How long were you a member of the East End Club of the Communist Party?

A Approximately six months.

Q Then were you assigned to any other branch or club?

A Then I was assigned to the Lawrenceville Club.

Q Where is Lawrenceville located?

A It is a section of Pittsburgh located in the Ninth and Tenth Wards.

Q And when were you assigned to the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party?

A In August or September of 1945.

Q And how long did you remain a member of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party?

A Until I left the Party in February of 1950.

Q During your membership in the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association, did you hold any positions

in the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association?

A I was a member of the Organizational-Educational-Finance Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

Q You did hold positions in the Communist Party during the period of that membership, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q While a member of the Northside Club of the Communist Party did you hold any positions?

A Yes, sir.

Q What positions did you hold while a member of the Communist Party, Northside Club?

A I was a member of the Executive Committee.

Q Of what group?

A Of the Northside Club.

Q Of the Northside Club?

A That is right.

Q When were you a member of the Executive Committee of the Northside Club?

A From the time I was assigned to the Club until I left it on transfer.

Q What were your duties as a member of the Executive Committee of the Northside Club?

A To plan the agenda for the entire Club; this agenda was to

formulate the program, discussions, the educationals, the sale and distribution of the Daily and Sunday Worker, the literature; to plan the raising of funds for the Party.

Q Were those duties confined to the Northside Club?

A No, I had similar duties in the Professional Branch in the East End Club.

Q As a member of the Executive Committee of the Northside Club, were your duties confined to the Northside Club?

A Not at that time. I was simultaneously a member of the Nationality Commission.

Q I see. While a member of the East End Club did you hold any position in that particular club?

A I was a member of the Executive Committee there also.

Q And when were you a member of the Executive Committee of the East End Club?

A While I was a member there.

Q What were your duties as a member of the Executive Committee of the East End Club?

A Similar to the duties at the Northside Club, plan the agenda, discussions, the educationals, the distribution of the Daily and the Sunday Worker, literature.

Q Did you hold any position while a member of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party?

- A I was the Branch Organizer of the Lawrenceville Club.
- Q Who organized the Lawrenceville Club?
- A It was set up by the District office of the Communist Party as a community club.
- Q Who was instrumental in organizing that club, if you know? Or was it in existence at the time you joined it?
- A No, it wasn't in existence, it was set up as a community club, by Roy Hudson and the District Board.
- Q During your membership in the Communist Party did you hold any other positions?
- A I was a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States.
- Q When were you a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?
- A From the spring of 1944 to February of 1950.
- Q How did you acquire membership to the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?
- A I was assigned to it by Max Weis, who was the District Organizer of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania at that time, and Pete Karpa, who was the City Secretary at that time.
- Q Was the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of which you were a member confined to any locality?

A Well, I was a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States of America, and also of the Commission of Western Pennsylvania.

Q Who assigned you to the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, to the National Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

A That is, to the National Nationality Commission?

Q Who assigned you to that position?

A Al Landy.

Q When?

A Some time in the spring of 1944.

Q How long did you continue on the National Nationality Commission as a National Member of the National Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

A From the spring of 1944 until February of 1950, when I left the Party.

Q Who was Al Landy?

A He was the Director of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States of America.

Q And where was he located?

A He worked directly out of the National office of the Communist Party in New York City.

Q Will you state what the National Nationality Commission of

the Communist Party was?

A

Well, in the Communist Party it was the body set up within the framework of the Communist Party to plan the activities of Communist Party members assigned to work in nationality groups, such as fraternal organizations, mass organizations, language newspapers, the trade unions, and wherever nationality Communist Party members were active.

HEARING EXAMINER TO EXAMINING OFFICER: Mr. Examining Officer, will you enlighten the Hearing Examiner as to the purpose of this line of questioning?

EXAMINING OFFICER: To qualify this witness as an expert at this particular time, an expert in Communist matters, and particularly the Communist Party of the United States.

HEARING EXAMINER: By that you mean, as with the previous witnesses, as to the aims and purposes of the Communist Party?

EXAMINING OFFICER: That is correct.

HEARING EXAMINER: Do you also intend to connect the witness with knowledge of the Respondent in this case?

EXAMINING OFFICER: I believe this witness will identify the Respondent in these proceedings.

HEARING EXAMINER: You may proceed.

EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

Q Did the National Nationality Commission of the Communist Party comprise various nationality groups?

A Yes, sir.

Q Can you name those nationality groups?

A Well, the groups, the function when I was in the Commission, were Serbian, Croatian, Slovenian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, and three or four other nationality groups.

Q Was the --

A I might add one, Slovenian group too, because I was a member of that particular unit.

Q Did the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania also compose the same nationality groups that you have mentioned?

A About the same breakdown, yes.

Q Were you assigned to any specific nationality group in connection with your duties in the Nationality Commission?

A I was assigned to the Slovenian Bureau.

Q What was your position in the Slovenian Bureau of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

A I was originally assigned as National Secretary of the Slovenian Bureau.

Q Was that on a local or national scale?

A That was on a national scale.

Q And where were you stationed in connection with that position?

A In Pittsburgh.

Q And while in Pittsburgh, to whom were you responsible in connection with your work?

A To the District Organizer of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

Q During your membership in the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States, up until you terminated your membership, who headed that Commission?

A It was headed first by Al Landy; then in August or September of 1945 it was headed by Steve Nelson, the present District Organizer of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. Then in August of 1948 the Commission was headed by Arnold Johnson.

Q Did you ever, in connection with your duties in the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States of America, meet with either Al Landy, Steve Nelson, or Arnold Johnson?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did you meet with these persons?

A Well, in Pittsburgh at 1916 East Street, Northside, Pitts-

burgh; in the office of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in the Bakewell Building; in the office of the International Workers Order, which was located in the Columbia Bank Building, but since the office has been discontinued. On the third floor at 440 Wood Street, which was a meeting place of the Communist Party.

Q What other positions have you held?

A Your Honor, I haven't finished my answer to that question. I would like to add by making the addition, and several other places.

Q What other positions have you held in the Communist Party during your membership?

A I was the Secretary of the Sloven Bureau of the Communist Party of the United States of America, and also Chairman of the same Bureau.

Q Did you hold any other positions?

A I don't recollect any at the present time.

Q Did you ever have any connection with the educational work of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q In what capacity?

A Well, I was a member of the Organizational-Educational-Finance Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsyl-

vania.

Q And when were you a member of that particular Committee?

A From August of 1945 until August of 1948.

Q How did you acquire those positions?

A I was assigned to it by the District Organizer of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, who at that time was Roy Hudson.

Q Did you have any connection with the press within the Communist Party during your membership?

A Yes, sir.

Q What was your position in connection with that?

A Well, to help plan the sale and distribution of The Daily and Sunday Worker, and to raise funds for The Daily and Sunday Worker, to plan social activities, raffles and so on, for the purpose of raising these funds.

Q During what period did you have these duties?

A For The Daily and Sunday Worker, in connection with this particular work, for three years. However, I was associated with the Lambeth Press of the Communist Party for a period of five or six years.

Q Who assigned you to those activities?

A The District Organizer of the Communist Party.

Q Were all the positions that you have mentioned here positions

within the Communist Party of the United States of America or the Communist Political Association?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you at any time during your membership in the Communist Party have any duties in connection with the policy or the direction of the Communist Party, policy-making or the direction of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q What were your duties in that connection?

A Will you be more specific with the question?

Q With what group were you associated in connection with those activities?

A With the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, and the duties were also the same in the Organizational-Educational-Finance Committee, these were policy-making committees.

Q During your activities in the Communist Party did you attend meetings of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q At what levels?

A Both on a, what we in the Party would say, on top functionary levels, and also on branch levels.

Q Where did you attend these meetings?

A In the office of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Building.

Q In what city?

A In Pittsburgh.

Q Where else?

A In the office of the International Workers Order in the Bank Columbia Building; in the office of the American Slav Congress, 1005 Berger Building; in the office of the Croatian Council on the sixth floor of the Bakewell Building; the offices of the Lambeth Press, 1916 East Street, Northside, Pittsburgh; at the Ukrainian Hall located on Cabot Way, Southside, Pittsburgh; on the third floor, 440 Wood Street; on the second floor at 943 Liberty Avenue; at 4745 Butler Street; at three or four of the downtown hotels in Pittsburgh. Then outside of Pittsburgh, in the cities of --

Q First, did you attend any other meetings in the City of Pittsburgh or vicinity, at other locations than those mentioned?

A Yes, sir.

Q In the City of Pittsburgh or vicinity?

A That is right.

Q What other locations?

A At the Knights of Pythias Hall, Northside, Pittsburgh; at the Carnegie Lecture Room of the Northside Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh.

- Q Were the meetings of the Communist Party that you attended at these addresses closed meetings to Communist Party members?
- A The meetings I am referring to were closed to others than Communist Party members.
- Q Did you attend any Communist Party meetings outside of the City of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Where?
- A In the City of New York.
- Q Where in the City of New York?
- A At the Yugoslav Home in New York City; at the Lincoln Hotel in New York City; at the fraternal house in New York City.
- Q Did you attend any Communist Party meetings in any other city than New York?
- A In Cleveland, Ohio.
- Q In any other cities?
- A Chicago, Illinois, and --
- Q Were these meetings of the Communist Party of the United States?
- A I left out some cities. Detroit, Michigan; Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
- Q Were the meetings at these cities which you have named meetings of the Communist Party of the United States?

A Yes, sir.

Q Were they closed meetings to Communist Party members only?

A Yes, these meetings were open to Communist Party members only. And may I, for clarity, here add I have attended other meetings in these cities but I am referring to meetings here which were open only to Communist Party members.

Q When you say, open only to Communist Party members, just what do you mean?

A I mean only members of the Communist Party could attend them.

Q Could attend them?

A That is right.

Q During your membership in the Communist Party, did you attend any schools that were sponsored or set up by the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did you attend such schools?

A I attended them at - I don't remember the exact addresses but --

Q In what cities?

A In the City of Pittsburgh.

Q Do you recall when you first attended a school sponsored and operated by the Communist Party?

- A The first organized school I attended was in the spring of 1945.
- Q How long or for what duration was this school?
- A This particular school lasted about six weeks.
- Q Do you recall who the instructors of this school were? Yes or no?
- A Yes.
- Q Were they members of the Communist Party?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q When did you next attend a school sponsored by the Communist Party?
- A In January, February, and March of 1949.
- Q And in what city did you attend this school?
- A City of Pittsburgh.
- Q Do you recall who the instructors were at this school?
- A At that particular school it was Bill Albertson.
- Q Was Bill Albertson a member of the Communist Party?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you attend any other schools of the Communist Party during the period of your membership?
- A Well, in the Communist Party we have continuous classes in our branches, which I attended, and have attended classes on two or three other occasions which were organized classes.

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- Q Do you recall when these other organized classes were held?
- A Well, it was during the period between 1945 and 1949.
- Q Were all these classes sponsored or promoted by the Communist Party of the United States?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you yourself ever teach at any Communist-sponsored school?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q When?
- A While I was the Branch Organizer of the Lawrenceville Club for the Communist Party.
- Q And during what years did you teach?
- A From September of 1945 until the latter part of 1949.
- Q Were these classes special groups that you taught?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Were they on a branch level or unit level, can you say?
- A On a branch level.
- Q And what was the purpose of these teachings?
- A To teach and educate the members the theory and practices of Marxism and Leninism.
- Q During your membership in the Communist Party of the United States did you become familiar with the documents of the Communist Party?
- A Yes, sir.

Q Are you still familiar with those documents?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you become familiar with those documents that were sold, distributed, or circulated by the Communist Party, during the period of your membership?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you are still familiar with those documents?

A Yes, sir.

Q I show you Exhibits 8 to 26 inclusive in evidence in this proceeding, and ask you to review each one individually and state for the record, referring to the Exhibit number and the title, which documents you were familiar with during the period of your membership in the Communist Party?

HEARING EXAMINER: Let the record show that the witness is examining the documents referred to.

EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

Q Will you state for the record just which ones you are familiar with?

A Exhibit 8, "The Communist Manifesto."

Exhibit 9, "State and Revolution."

Exhibit 10, "'Left Wing' Communism, an Infantile Disorder." May I say this, I am familiar with the book but I have never used it in any class or discussion.

Q I believe the question was, will you indicate for the record those documents with which you were familiar during the period of your membership? Whether or not you used them in class work or discussion --

A I am familiar with this book.

Q Exhibit 11, "The Proletarian Revolution and Renegade Kautsky," are you familiar with that?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you were familiar with that during the period of your membership in the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Exhibit 12 I am not familiar with.

I am familiar with Exhibit 13, "Problems of Leninism."

And also with Exhibit 14, "Foundations of Leninism."

I am not familiar with Exhibit 15.

I can't recollect Exhibit 16.

Nor Exhibit 17.

I am familiar with "Stalin's Speeches on the American Communist Party," Exhibit 18.

I am not familiar with Exhibit 19.

I am not familiar with Exhibit 20.

I am familiar with Exhibit 21, "The Communist Party in Action."

Q You are familiar with that Exhibit 22?

A Yes. I am familiar with Exhibit 22.

Q That is, "The Communist Party, A Manual on Organization," by J. Peters, you are familiar with that?

A I am familiar with it. I am not familiar with Exhibit 23.

I am familiar with Exhibit 24.

Q That is "Resolutions, Seventh Congress of the Communist International," you are familiar with that Exhibit?

A Yes, sir. I am not familiar with Exhibit 25.

I am not familiar with Exhibit 26.

Q With reference to the Exhibits which you have indicated were known to you during your membership in the Communist Party, Exhibits 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, and 24, will you state whether these documents contained the principles and the teachings of the Communist Party during the period of your membership?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you state whether or not these documents were used for class purposes during the period of your membership in the Communist Party?

A I will have to examine them separately.

Q Go ahead and examine them.

A (Examining)

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- Q Will you indicate which of these pamphlets were used for class purposes?
- A "The Communist Manifesto," "State and Revolution," "'Left Wing' Communism, an Infantile Disorder," "Problems of Leninism," "Foundations of Leninism," "Stalin's Speeches on the American Communist Party," and "Resolutions, Seventh Congress of the Communist International."
- Q As to the other documents, Exhibits 11, 21, and 22, were these documents sold and distributed by the Communist Party during the period of your membership?
- A I can say that "The Proletarian Revolution and Renegade Kautsky" was sold and distributed, and the other two, "The Communist Party in Action," and "The Communist Party, A Manual on Organization," by J. Peters, were made available to me by other members of the Party, I don't remember seeing them in the Party office.
- Q Can you state whether or not "The Communist Party, A Manual on Organization," and "The Communist Party in Action," being Exhibits 22 and 21, are documents of the Communist Party?
- A Yes, sir, they are.
- Q And do they contain the principles and doctrines of the Communist Party?
- A Yes, sir.

A year, sir.

From the classes that you attended, were you taught that these documents contained the principles and teachings of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q And is that also true as to all the documents which you have identified here today?

A Yes, sir. I am making it clear here that this (Indicating)
was only given to me as reading material and was not used
in classes.

Was given to you as reading material by whom?

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Jim Dolen give me one of these, and George Wukinich.
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Wukinich.

Q I show you a document entitled, "The Communist Party and You," by Betty Gannett, and ask you if you are familiar with it?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is that a pamphlet of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was it distributed or sold by the Communist Party during the period of your membership?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are you acquainted with the author, Betty Gannett?

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A Yes, sir.

Q Who is she?

A When I knew her she was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States, and when I knew her she was organizing educational classes on a national level.

Q For the Communist Party of the United States?

A Yes, sir.

Q Does this pamphlet, "The Communist Party and You," by Betty Gannett, contain the teachings and principles of the Communist Party of the United States?

A Yes, sir.

EXAMINING OFFICER: There is offered in evidence the pamphlet, "The Communist Party and You," by Betty Gannett, and also there is offered a photostat copy which it is asked be used in lieu of the original.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: Does the Respondent desire to examine the documents?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER: By that you mean that you have no desire to examine the documents being offered?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney to advise me.

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HEARING EXAMINER: The document offered, "The Communist Party and You," will be accepted as evidence in the case and made part of the record of hearing, being marked Exhibit 56.

In compliance with the request of the Examining Officer, the photostatic copy offered will be compared to the original document by the Hearing Examiner, and if found to be a true and correct copy will be accepted as evidence in the case in lieu of the original, being identified as Exhibit 56.

(The documents referred to were marked as Exhibit 56.)

EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

Q I show you a pamphlet, "Political Affairs," September 1949, and ask you if you are familiar with that publication?

A Yes, sir.

Q What is the publication, "Political Affairs"?

A It is official magazine of the Communist Party of the United States of America.

Q Please refer to page 1 of "Political Affairs," being an article entitled, "Our Party's Thirtieth Anniversary," by Alexander Dittelman, and I ask you if you are familiar with

that article?

A Yes, sir.

Q Were you familiar with that article during the period of your membership in the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you also refer to page 14, on which commences an article under the title, "Cannon, Lovestone and Browder," by William Z. Foster, and ask you if you are familiar with that article?

A Yes, sir.

Q Were you familiar with that article during the period of your membership in the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was "Political Affairs," September 1949 issue, sold and distributed and circularized by the Communist Party during your membership?

A Yes, sir.

Q Does "Political Affairs" contain the principles and doctrines and teachings of the Communist Party during the period of your membership?

A Yes, sir.

EXAMINING OFFICER: I offer in evidence at this time

"Political Affairs", issue of September 1949,

only as to the article commencing on page 1 to page 13 inclusive, by Alex Bittelman, "Our Party's Thirtieth Anniversary," and the article commencing on page 14 to 24 inclusive, being an article by William Z. Foster under the heading, " Cannon, Lovestone and Browder." I hand you a photostat copy of "Political Affairs," of the cover and the articles referred to, pages 1 to 24 inclusive, and ask that it be received in lieu of the original document.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: Does the Respondent desire to examine these documents as presented by the Examining Officer?

RESPONDENT: My attorney is not here.

HEARING EXAMINER: By that you indicate that you do not desire to examine them yourself.

The document offered, "Political Affairs," September 1949 issue, will be accepted as evidence in the case and made part of the record of hearing, being marked as Exhibit 57.

In compliance with the request of the Examining Officer, photostatic copy of pages 1 to 13 inclusive, and pages 14 to 24 inclusive, together

with the cover page, if upon comparison by the Hearing Examiner are found to be true copies of the original document, will be accepted as evidence in the case and identified as Exhibit 57 in lieu of the original document.

(The documents referred to were marked as Exhibit 57.)

EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

Q During your membership in the Communist Party, did the Communist Party of the United States of America teach or advocate any change in the form and structure of the United States Government?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did the Communist Party during the period of your membership teach the methods by which the change in the form or structure of the United States Government would be obtained or could be obtained?

A Yes, sir.

Q What were those methods taught by the Communist Party during your membership?

A The Communist Party of the United States of America taught and advocated the necessity of overthrowing the United States Government of America by force and violence.

Q What was meant by "force and violence", according to the teachings of the Communist Party?

A Taught to arm the people and create a violent revolution and set up a dictatorship.

Q Did the Communist Party during your membership at any time advocate that the form and structure of the Government of the United States could be changed by lawful or peaceful means?

A On the contrary, they taught that it could not be done by peaceful means.

Q Are you familiar with the organizational structure of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q What was the relationship between the Communist Party of the United States and the Communist International, if any?

A It was a part of the Communist International.

Q What was part of the Communist International?

A The Communist Party of the United States of America.

Q What was the Communist International?

A It was the ruling body of the international Communist movement.

Q Was the Communist Party of the United States bound by the decisions of the Communist International?

A Yes, sir.

Q Could the Communist Party of the United States entertain any ideas contrary to the theories of the Communist International?

A No, sir.

Q Were the principles and doctrines of the Communist Party of the United States binding on all its members?

A Yes, sir.

Q Could a person be a member of the Communist Party of the United States and yet not be bound by the principles and doctrines and teachings of the Communist Party?

A No, sir.

Q Was strict discipline exerted among the membership of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir.

Q During your membership in the Communist Party, or in connection with your duties in the Communist Party, did you ever become acquainted with a person by the name of Frank Borich?

A Yes, sir.

Q When did you meet Frank Borich?

A Either the latter part of 1944 or the early part of 1945.

Q Can you identify the Frank Borich at this time whom you met in 1944 or 1945?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is he present in this room?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you identify him?

A That is Frank Borich sitting right over there. (Indicating)

EXAMINING OFFICER: Will the record please show that
this witness has identified the Respondent in
these proceedings.

HEARING EXAMINER: The record will so show.

EXAMINING OFFICER TO WITNESS:

Q Under what circumstances did you meet Frank Borich in 1944
or 1945?

A As a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist
Party.

Q Where did you meet him?

A I believe the first time I met Frank Borich was at a meeting
of the Croatian Bureau of the Communist Party which was held
at 1916 East Street, North Side, Pittsburgh.

Q Do you know in what capacity Frank Borich attended this
meeting?

A As a member of the Croatian Bureau of the Communist Party.

Q Did Frank Borich hold any official position in the Croatian
Bureau of the Communist Party at the time that you met him?

A He was one of the leaders of the Bureau..

Q And how long did you continue to know Frank Borich after you first met him?

A Until I left^in February of 1950.
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Q Did you know Frank Borich from 1944 or 1945 continuously until 1950?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know how long Frank Borich remained a member of the Croatian Bureau of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

A All during that period.

Q Did you have occasion to meet with Frank Borich at any time after your first meeting in 1944 or 1945?

A On many occasions, yes, sir.

Q What occasioned the meetings with Frank Borich after 1944 or 1945?

A I didn't get the question. What occasioned --

Q How did you happen to meet him after that?

A Well, I met him at meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party and at meetings of the Croatian Bureau.

Q During what period or periods of time did you meet with Frank Borich as a member of the Croatian Bureau of the

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Communist Party from 1944 until 1950?

A Well, when there were Communist Party line changes, when there was some directives, reports being given by the heads of the various bureaus or commissions of the Communist Party, I would help to arrange meetings for Frank Borich with some of the Communist Party agents of the Yugoslav Government, and whenever there was some financial matter or tickets to be distributed, it was my job to meet with Frank Borich for the Communist Party and see that he carried out his responsibility in distributing these tickets.

Q Did you meet with Frank Borich at any other meetings of the Communist Party than in connection with the nationality work of the Communist Party?

A My meetings with Frank Borich were limited to meetings of the nationality groups of the Communist Party.

Q What were the longest periods of time between 1944 and 1950 that you did not meet with Frank Borich?

A Well, I don't think hardly a week or two would pass that I didn't meet with him, either individually or in a group meeting.

Q Approximately how many group meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party did you attend at which Frank Borich was present?

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A I would say about 25 or 30 in the five or six years that I knew him.

Q Who was in charge of the meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party which you attended and at which Frank Borich was present?

A Steve Nelson, the head of the Nationality Commission, for a period of time, while I was in the Communist Party. Arnold Johnson was also head of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party for a period while I was in the Party. Sam Milgrom, who was one of the leaders of the Commission on a national level; Leon Fisher, 1916 East Street, Northside, Pittsburgh.

Q Were these meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party which you attended and at which Frank Borich was present open only to Communist Party members?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know Frank Borich to be a member of the Communist Party of the United States?

A Yes, sir.

Q For what period of time?

A For the period of time which I was acquainted with him, from 1944 or early 1945.

Q And on what do you base that statement?

- A On the basis that he attended meetings open only to Communist Party members.
- Q Was it possible for an individual to be a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party and yet not be a member of the Communist Party?
- A No, sir.
- Q Can you state whether or not it was possible for a person to be a member of the Croatian Bureau of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party and yet not be a member of the Communist Party?
- A No, sir.
- Q Did the Croatian Bureau of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party have an official publication?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know the name of that publication?
- A Narodni Glasnik.
- Q How do you know that the Narodni Glasnik was the official publication of the Croatian Bureau of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?
- A From participating in some of the functionary policy-making meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States. I attended many meetings where we discussed the carrying of the Communist line into this

paper, which we always referred to as being our paper in the Croatian language. When I say "our" I refer to the Communist Party.

Q Did the editors and editorial staff of the Narodni Glasnik recognize it as the official publication of the Croatian Bureau of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

A They not only recognized it as such but they were assigned to their positions by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States.

Q Where is the Narodni Glasnik published?

A When I left the Party it was being published at 1916 East Street, Northside, Pittsburgh.

Q Do you know whether or not Frank Borich ever submitted any articles for publication in the Narodni Glasnik?

A Yes, sir.

Q And how do you know that?

A Because on many occasions when I had discussions with Frank Borich he would read many of the articles which he was writing for Narodni Glasnik to me, right in his office, and would tell me himself he was writing the articles for the purpose of placing them into publication.

Q And did you thereafter see such articles published in the Narodni Glasnik?

A Very often.

Q Do you know whether or not Frank Borich was ever connected with the editorial staff of the Narodni Glasnik during the period of your membership in the Communist Party?

A To the best of my knowledge, he was directly connected with the editorial staff of the Narodni Glasnik during the period of my membership.

EXAMINING OFFICER: No other questions.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: Does the Respondent desire to question and cross-examine the witness in connection with the testimony he has given?

RESPONDENT: My attorney is not here to advise me.

HEARING EXAMINER: By that, you indicate that you yourself do not desire to place such questions or cross-examine?

RESPONDENT: My attorney is not here.

HEARING EXAMINER: Consequently, as the Government has no further questions to ask of this witness, the witness is excused.

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EXAMINING OFFICER: The Government rests its case.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: Do you have any evidence you wish to present at this time?

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RESPONDENT: I have no attorney, Your Honor.

EXAMINING OFFICER TO HEARING EXAMINER: Before we close, may we ascertain whether or not the Respondent desires to take the stand in his behalf?

HEARING EXAMINER: I intended to ask him that.

(To the Respondent.) Do you intend at this time to take the stand in behalf of yourself in this matter?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney here to advise me.

HEARING EXAMINER: Then by that, you decline to take the stand at this time, is that correct?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER: In the event you should be ordered deported from the United States, how much time would you require to prepare for same?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney to advise me.

HEARING EXAMINER: Does either side have anything further to present?

EXAMINING OFFICER: The Government has nothing further to present at this time.

HEARING EXAMINER: And the Respondent has nothing to offer?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER: By that you mean you have nothing to offer at this time, is that correct?

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney present here to advise me.

HEADING EXAMINER: Then it appears by the answer given by you, that at this time you yourself have nothing to offer in connection with this case.

Accordingly, the Examining Officer, and you, the Respondent, are advised that you have ^{five} business days, that is, until August 24, 1950, within which to submit to me in writing proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and a statement of supporting reasons.

To you, the Respondent, you are advised that if you have an attorney who is in New York, your attorney may submit same in place of yourself, in the same period of time.

These findings of fact and conclusions of law and statements of supporting reasons are ones in which you may tell me in writing what you believe to be the facts in the case, and what my recommendation to the Commissioner should be.

You may, if you wish, here and now waive the right to file the proposed findings of fact and argument prior to my recommended decision, or you may file such a written waiver of this right at any time within the five business day period. If both of you waive the right at this time,

the Hearing Examiner then may prepare to draw up his recommended decision. Do you understand?

EXAMINING OFFICER: I understand.

RESPONDENT: Your Honor, I don't understand what you mean by that.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: If you will come closer I will explain it, and off the record if you wish. If you will come up here I will explain it.

RESPONDENT: I have no attorney here to advise me. I consider this unfair and unjust --

HEARING EXAMINER: Just a moment. Do you wish to make a statement for the record now? If you do, I will give you this opportunity.

RESPONDENT: I will make this statement for the record.

HEARING EXAMINER: You may proceed.

EXAMINING OFFICER TO HEARING EXAMINER: Shouldn't he make his statement under oath, Mr. Hearing Examiner?

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: Are you willing to take an oath at the time you make it?

RESPONDENT: No, not without my attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER: I still will allow you to make any statement you wish for the record. Go ahead and make

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your statement.

RESPONDENT: I consider --

EXAMINING OFFICER: Will the Respondent come forward so we can hear him.

RESPONDENT: I come forward. I feel that this is unfair and unjust to me, because I was deprived of the possibility and therefore of the right to be represented by attorney of my choice, Mrs. Carol King.

I thank you.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: The Respondent will agree that throughout the hearing the Hearing Examiner has offered him at various times the right to secure necessary representation at the hearing, and even indicated that reasonable continuance for the purpose of affording you the opportunity to secure such representation was accorded you. Is that correct?

RESPONDENT: I was in no position --

HEARING EXAMINER: Is that correct?

RESPONDENT: I was in no position to obtain any services of any other attorney, outside of my own attorney, Mrs. Carol King.

HEARING EXAMINER: However, the Hearing Examiner did offer these opportunities throughout the hearing, is

that correct?

RESPONDENT: I was not in position to accept, to carry them out.

HEARING EXAMINER: I would like the Respondent to answer my question, that throughout the hearing I did offer you these opportunities, is that correct?

RESPONDENT: I am answering no question without my attorney, Your Honor.

HEARING EXAMINER: The record will speak for itself, to show that the Hearing Examiner did at all times offer you this opportunity to seek representation.

Now in regard to the matter which I just previously explained, as to submitting proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and statements of supporting reasons, which you or in your behalf your attorney may submit. If you yourself do not understand, I will gladly further explain that to you at this time if it is necessary.

RESPONDENT: Would you mind writing them down for me? These things are complicated for me, I can't understand them.

HEARING EXAMINER: This is not a complicated matter. In other words, what it means is that you or your attorney may tell me in your own words, in your own writing, what you

or your attorney believe should be the facts in this case, and what my recommendation to the Commissioner should be; and the statement of supporting reasons why you believe this to be so; do you understand?

RESPONDENT: Yes.

HEARING EXAMINER TO EXAMINING OFFICER: Will you indicate what you wish to do in this matter?

EXAMINING OFFICER: I waive the proposed submission of proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and statement of supporting reasons, in these proceedings.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: For the record, will you state what you wish to do in this matter?

RESPONDENT: I can't state for the record without consulting my attorney.

HEARING EXAMINER: Do you intend to consult your attorney? And will you advise her of the period of time which the Hearing Examiner has allowed, namely, on or before August 24?

RESPONDENT: If I am in position to do so.

HEARING EXAMINER: I mean, will you so instruct her on that?

RESPONDENT: Can I say something off the record?

HEARING EXAMINER: Off the record.

(Off the record.)

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: Then your answer will be that you will consult with your attorney and if she desires she will submit those proposals, is that correct?

RESPONDENT: Yes.

HEARING EXAMINER: Then, for the record, that is his answer.

(To the Examining Officer and Respondent.) Upon timely submission of written proposal by the Respondent, or in his behalf by his attorney, as soon thereafter as practical, I shall prepare in writing my recommended decision, setting forth a summary of the evidence, proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommended decision. That is, I will give you my view of the facts in this case and how I think the case should be decided by the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

Each of you will be served with a copy of my recommended decision. In the case of the Respondent, a copy of recommended decision will be served upon his attorney of record, unless the Respondent desires it himself. You will therefore after that have an opportunity to file exceptions to all or any part thereof, and if you decide to do so you will be afforded ten days within which to submit

to the Officer in Charge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a statement of what you believe to be the facts in this case and what kind of a decision you think the Commissioner should make, and you may also list or state whatever objections you have to my decision. If you do not wish to file exceptions, you may within ten days upon receipt of such recommended decision file a written waiver so stating.

Any statement or objection you make will become a part of the record and all of the record will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C., for decision.

Do you understand this procedure?

RESPONDENT: I don't, sir.

HEARING EXAMINER TO RESPONDENT: What part of it do you not understand?

RESPONDENT: I don't understand the entire procedure.

HEARING EXAMINER: The Hearing Examiner will try to enlighten you. It is my duty, when the hearing is closed, upon receipt of any proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and supporting reasons which may be submitted prior to the drawing up of my recommendation, to consider all of the matter. I will then draw up my recommended order in the

case stating the facts as I see them, and what I believe the conclusions should be.

Following which, you or your representative, and the Examining Officer, will receive a copy of same. And both the Examining Officer and yourself or your attorney will be allowed ten days within which to file exceptions to any part of all of such recommended decision, stating the reasons why, and any objection which you may have to my recommended decision.

In the alternative, you may waive it within the same period of time, as to the filing of objections.

When that is received, from you or the Examining Officer, that then becomes a part of the record, and the entire record goes forward to the Commissioner in Washington, D. C., for his decision.

Do you understand that?

RESPONDENT: I don't understand this procedure, I will have to consult Mrs. King.

HEARING EXAMINER: You will have to consult whom?

RESPONDENT: Mrs. King, my attorney. Or if you wish to advise her yourself --

HEARING EXAMINER: I am informing you now, and you can advise your attorney, that the hearing has now been

closed, she is to submit those proposed findings of fact if she so desires, on your behalf. That she will receive a copy of my recommended decision, and she will be allowed a ten day period following receipt of such recommended decision of the Hearing Examiner, to take objection to all or any part of such recommended decision of the Hearing Examiner.

If you will inform your counsel to that effect, I am sure she will understand the procedure that I have just explained to you.

RESPONDENT: I will try my best to explain it to her.

HEARING EXAMINER: I advise you, in the event that your counsel does not understand the procedure just explained to you, if she will so inform the Hearing Examiner the Hearing Examiner will be glad to inform her, as to the procedure relative to recommended decision, and to her filing any objections to same. Do you understand that?

RESPONDENT: That I understand.

HEARING EXAMINER: Does either side have anything further to offer at this time?

EXAMINING OFFICER: I have nothing to offer.

HEARING EXAMINER: Before we close, did you give

your answer that you understand?

EXAMINING OFFICER: I understand.

HEARING EXAMINER: There being nothing further,
the hearing is considered closed.

(Thereupon, at 12:15 o'clock P.M., Thursday,
August 17, 1950, the hearing was considered
closed.)

CERTIFICATIONS

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken in this hearing.

W. E. Farniss
Stenographer.

I certify that the foregoing is a verbatim report of the hearing conducted in this case.

Colman W. Williams
Hearing Examiner.

ENCLOSURES

Memorandum to Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

From Mr. E. F. Dooley

dated February 14, 1952

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